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UN DEBATE

THE Soviet Union's decision to bring charges regarding American bomber operations before the United Nations Security Council on the eve of diplomatic "summit" preparatory talks appears to be an effort to put the United States on the defensive.

The timing of the Russian move to force United Nations Security Council consideration of the matter is therefore particularly significant.

United States defence officials have made no effort to deny that bombers capable of carrying hydrogen bombs do regularly patrol in the direction of potential enemy targets.

But this alert force cannot proceed beyond a certain established line unless it receives additional information and this information to fly to designated targets can only be given on authority of the President.

However, the insistence in the State Department's statement issued last week that the Strategic Air Command alert force has never been launched except in carefully planned and controlled exercises and practices seems to be somewhat at variance with the impression given on previous occasions by official spokesmen.

United States observers see the Soviet move to call the Security Council as another astute diplomatic stroke designed to capitalise on the apprehensions among West Europeans and Asian peoples over the possibility of a nuclear war.

But what effect the Security debate might have on a summit conference is not immediately clear; it might even tend to harden United States opinion against a heads of governments meeting.

If there is a return to the old days of the cold war at the United Nations when inflammatory charges of germ warfare and indiscriminate violations of air space were exchanged, the chances of a summit conference might be put off or almost extinguished.

THE SWAGGER STICK

SOMEbody seemed to have been curious about the possible effects of the Budget on the return of the "swagger" walking-stick. It was pretty soon established that those who sold this article had no great expectations from the reduction in the rate of purchase tax.

It is considered that the pendulum may swing back so far as women's fashions are concerned, for they are always inculcable anyway. But men have long since got out of the habit and have turned to the tightly-rolled umbrella as perhaps the final exorcism of class.

Plain sticks have in fact not been subject to tax for some time. Those who used to make them created quite a fuss and the Board of Trade, willing, took off the tax. Walking sticks are now sold not for pride of possession but for pure utility—mostly to hospitals, blind people and sufferers from leg complaints.

Mounted sticks have still to pay tax, which had dropped from 60 to 30 per cent, but these too, are not for the well-dressed man. The ebony cane with the silver knob is now seldom seen, except perhaps on the stage.

The manager of a large shop in the West End made the surprising statement that they still sell a fair number of punishment canes to schoolmasters. And these, he added, apparently without change of countenance, will not be affected by the Budget.

UN Security Council Debate On H-Bomb Flights RUSSIA WITHDRAWS IN A HUFF

Unsuccessful In Gaining Adjournment

United Nations, Apr. 21.

Russia tonight unexpectedly withdrew its demand for United Nations Security Council action to end H-bomber reprisal alerts by the United States Strategic Air Command.

The Soviet representative, Arkady Sobolev, who twice sought unsuccessfully an adjournment until tomorrow, announced that because the US delegate, Henry Cabot Lodge, had insisted upon a vote tonight, he was withdrawing Russia's draft resolution "as a protest."

Six-Hour

The Russian action, however, came after Mr Sobolev had taken the floor for the second time in a six-hour debate, which went on without a halt from 3.05 p.m. until after 9 p.m. to denounce the "practice of SAC bombers taking off with hydrogen bombs when unidentified objects are sighted on radarscopes."

Russia's charge that SAC procedures threatened to start World War III was based on a dispatch by the President of United France, Frank Barthelemy, describing a hypothetical mission and the "fall safe" system which prevents bombers from proceeding to their targets if the radar sighting proves false.

Mr Barthelemy's dispatch into the Council record and noted that it was based on conversations with the Pentagon and SAC headquarters and approved by the Defence Department.

Mr Barthelemy said bombers are in continuous flight around the perimeter of the USSR, said Mr Sobolev.

"These flights may cause war to break out at any moment. They are advertised in the American Press, causing a war psychosis."

Self-Defence

Mr Lodge, however, told the Council that the United States would continue its H-bomber flights as a reprisal against "legitimate self-defence" and would maintain SAC "in a state of high efficiency."

Each of the Council's 11 members spoke except neutral Sweden. All except Russia agreed that US bomber practices constituted no menace to peace.

Mr Sobolev said Mr Lodge's action in refusing to adjourn until tomorrow was "an unbecoming procedure" in the Security Council. Mr Lodge, as President, put to the vote Mr Sobolev's two motions for adjournment—one to 3 p.m. tomorrow and the other to 10.30 a.m.

The first was defeated 4-2 with five abstentions; and the second 6-2 with three abstentions. Sweden voted with Russia both times.

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Resorted To

"It must be noted," said Mr Sobolev, "that the representative of the United States prefers to sidestep free discussion and has resorted to voting machinery. In the circumstances, the Soviet Union does not press for a vote on its resolution. As a protest, we withdraw our draft resolution."

Mr Lodge retorted that he did not resort to illegal procedure nor follow an unprecedented course.

"The chair did not suppress free speech," he told Mr Sobolev. "We carried out the rules in a democratic way. The

Quake Felt

Rome, Apr. 21.

A violent earth tremor accompanied by a muffled rumble was felt today at Terni in the Abruzzi region.

The panic-stricken population fled from their houses. No casualties were reported, although several houses were cracked.—France-Press.

plain fact is that the resolution of the Soviet Union simply did not have the votes."

After the meeting, Mr Lodge told newsmen: "It was a complete defeat for the Soviet Union. The vote would have been overwhelmingly against them and that is why they withdrew the resolution."

Mr Sobolev said: "I am disappointed in two things: the procedure adopted by the President of the Security Council to avoid full and considered debate on the issue and the failure of the Security Council to take action warranted by this threat of war."—United Press.

CHANCELLOR REPLIES TO LABOUR CRITICS

Policies Would Lead To Roaring Inflation

London, Apr. 21.

Mr Derrick Heathcoat-Amory, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said tonight that if Labour opposition economic policies were adopted they would lead to "roaring inflation."

He was replying to a three-day debate in the House of Commons on his budget proposals, which he presented to Parliament last Tuesday.

The budget gave £108 million in taxation reliefs in a full year. The Chancellor said the declared Socialist policy has greatly increased public expenditure, high taxation and low interest rates.

"I cannot see a better recipe for wild inflation and a balance of payments crisis," he said.

ADVOCATED

The opposition had also advocated more import controls. But Britain was also an exporting nation. She was unlikely to gain from import controls.

The Government, he said, intended to continue to safeguard the value of the currency and stabilise the cost of living.

The Chancellor said he hoped discussions now going on with Commonwealth and United States Governments would point the way to solutions which would give more confidence to the world in the future of international trade and the soundness of international currency arrangements.—Reuter.

US EXPELS CZECH DIPLOMAT

Washington, Apr. 21.

The United States today ordered the expulsion of a Czech diplomat here, following Czechoslovakia's expulsion of a United States diplomat in Prague last week.

Last Thursday Czechoslovakia ordered the departure of Mr Joseph R. Jacyno, Second Secretary of the

The Mighty Missile



British Territorials paid a visit to the No. 47 Guided Weapons Regiment at Crookham, Hants—where men are trained in handling the United States "Corporal". This is the unit that is expected to be sent to Germany under the Nato agreement to station a Guided Weapons Unit in Western Germany by the end of the year.—Keystone.

Lady Docker To Be Barred From Monaco?

Monte Carlo, Apr. 21.

Prince Rainier's Government is planning to bar Lady Docker from the tiny principality of Monaco, Palace sources said tonight.

But no decision on the ban has been taken yet, the sources said.

Lady Docker, wife of British industrialist Sir Bernard Docker, is alleged to have insulted the Monaco Royal Family following a dispute over invitations to the christening ceremonies yesterday of Prince Albert, heir to the throne.

In London, Sir Bernard Docker said, "Don't suppose for one moment that either Princess Grace or Prince Rainier knew anything of the incident."

"If they did, they must have learned too late to do anything about getting 'Lance' in."—Reuter.

FREAK AIR DISASTER KILLS 49

Las Vegas, Apr. 21.

An Air Force jet fighter-trainer apparently plunged down onto a United Air Lines DC-7 passenger plane high over the Nevada Desert today and both crashed to earth, killing all 49 persons aboard, the authorities reported.

Jordanians Reject Allegations

United Nations, Apr. 21.

Jordan today rejected allegations that it had not made formal representation to the United Nations against Israel's massing of troops and armour in Jerusalem for its tenth anniversary celebration.

A statement by the Jordanian delegation said that on February 20, the Secretary-General had been notified of Israel's intentions and requested to intervene in time to prevent such a flagrant violation of the terms of the general armistice agreement... and its consequences."

DISCUSSED

Following that note, the delegation said, Jordan's acting permanent representative discussed the case with the Secretary-General, Dag Hammarskjöld. A second letter was sent to Mr Hammarskjöld on March 28, setting forth Jordan's contention that Israel's plans were in violation of the armistice and "a provocation that was bound to increase the tense situation already existing along the borders and especially in the City of Jerusalem."

The case was again discussed with Mr Hammarskjöld on April 8, the mission said.

It said Jordan also dealt with the case on the diplomatic level with Western Ambassadors in Amman and with the UN trustee chief in Jerusalem. Yesterday's Amman communiqué "confirms the attitude and the views of the Jordan Government," it said.—United Press.

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presence in this country of Dr Roman Skokan, Commercial Attache, is no longer acceptable to the Government of the United States.

The Secretary of State would appreciate the Ambassador's co-operation in arranging for the immediate departure of Dr Skokan.—Reuter.

Mintoff



Resigns

Valetta, Apr. 21.

Mr Dom Mintoff, Prime Minister of Malta, and his cabinet resigned today, opening the way for an imminent general election.

The resignations are to be handed to the Governor, Sir Robert Laycock, together with a declaration signed by the 23 Labour members of the Maltese Parliament, stating their intention not to support any other than a Labour Government.

The resignations come at the height of a heated argument between Malta and the British Government over terms for the colony's integration with Britain.

Mr Mintoff became Labour Prime Minister of the island in March 1955, succeeding Dr Borg Olivier, whose Nationalist Party was defeated at the polls.

In a radio broadcast earlier today, Mr Mintoff intimated his intention to resign, saying he and his colleagues no longer wanted to remain responsible for public peace and order on the island in the face of Britain's policy.

He said: "The hour of our trial has arrived. The Maltese people, who in the past have fought so many battles for other people, now have the chance to prove to the world that they have grown into a nation."

A large force of civilian police patrolled the city's streets while Mr Mintoff was speaking.—Reuter.

The CAA official said the airliner was flying under visual flight rules on a regular Federal airway. He emphasized that the collision did not necessarily result from violation of that air space by the military plane.—United Press.

First reports from the Air Force following the crash said the jet apparently had suffered a "flame out"—meaning that its engine went dead—and then plunged down in a dive that carried it into the lower-flying airliner, which carried a crew of five and 42 passengers on a flight from Los Angeles.

Uncertain

But several hours after both planes had crashed, 6½ miles apart in a barren area about 12 miles south of this gambling resort, the Air Force said it was uncertain that the jet had suffered a "flame out" or any mechanical failure.

Nellis Air Force Base, where the jet was based, said it was possible one of the pilots radioed the words "ball out" instead of "flame out."

But further confusion clouded the cause of the tragedy when Airbuthnot reported that neither pilot in the jet actually bailed out. He said the body of the student-pilot was found in the wreckage while the body of the instructor was nearby, indicating that he either tried to eject himself "immediately" before impact with the ground or that his ejector seat was released when the plane hit the desert.

Meanwhile, the bodies of the victims were brought here to a former race track behind the Desert Inn Hotel, making an ironic scene as the grisly business of "picking" the bodies together for identification went on just off the famous, gaudy gambling "Strip."—United Press.

Bidault Loses Socialists' Support

Paris, Apr. 21.

A serious blow was struck tonight at the chances of Premier-designate M. Georges Bidault in his attempt to form a new French Government when Socialist leader and former Premier Guy Mollet announced that M. Bidault could not count on Socialist votes for his investiture.

M. Bidault declared immediately that he would persevere in his attempt even without Socialist support.

He rebuked the Socialists for failing to rally to the policy statement he had made earlier to the effect that Algeria is subject "exclusively to French sovereignty" and that French prosperity depends upon the "non-belligerency of Tunisia."

Political observers said that M. Bidault's prospects now depend largely upon the reactions of his own party, the mainly Catholic Popular Republicans (MRP) both to his Algerian policy and to the Socialist position.

Reluctant

Even if the Socialists should abstain in the investiture vote expected on Thursday, M. Bidault would need the full support of the MRP, in addition to that of the Conservative Independents and various right-wing groups.

The MRP has always been reluctant to cut itself off from the non-Communist left, as represented by the Socialists, and political observers expressed doubt tonight that M. Bidault would win their full support in the light of M. Guy Mollet's position.

Numerous members of the MRP group in the National Assembly were also reported to be unwilling to support wholeheartedly the tough and uncompromising position taken by M. Bidault concerning Algeria and Tunisia.—France-Press.

Liege, Apr. 21.


A Belgian fighter tonight crashed into a house at the village of Mors, near here, killing two people and seriously injuring three others.

The pilot parachuted from the plane and was rescued from the middle of the River Maas.—Reuter.

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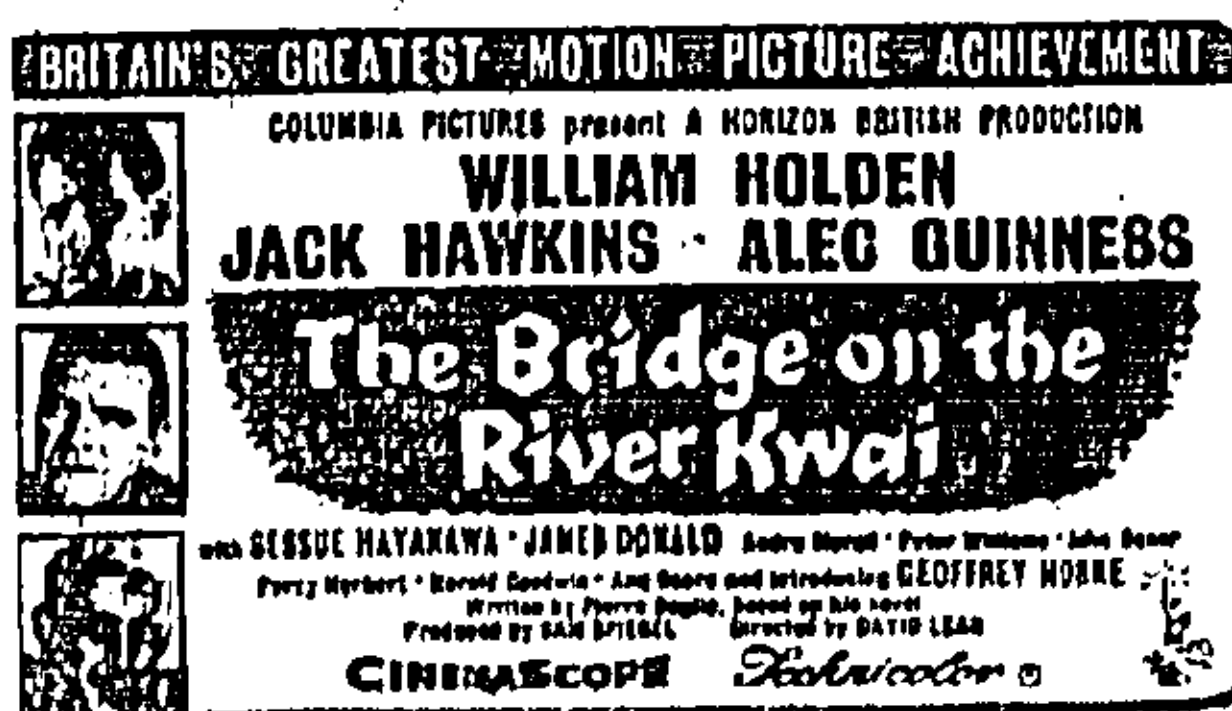
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**REBELS TAKE PADANG BY
STORM****Margaret Slips Away
For
A Picnic**

Port of Spain, Apr. 21.
PRINCESS Margaret slipped quietly out of Port of Spain this morning and cruised by motor launch to a secluded private beach on a tropical island in the "Dragon's Mouth" channel at the northwest point of Trinidad.

The Princess, who arrived here yesterday at the start of a tour of the West Indies, was wearing dark glasses. She was driven from the residence of the Governor-General, Lord Haillex, where she is staying, to Trinidad Yacht Club, about five miles west of the city.

There the launch was waiting to take her and a small party to the beautiful little island of Huayra, about five miles out in the blue Caribbean, where the party planned to picnic. Princess Margaret's trip was a complete surprise.

She boarded the launch about 10.30 a.m. local time while the officials were in the process of presenting her with the Governor-General's house medal in view of her heavy ceremonial duties tomorrow inaugurating the new Federal Parliament.

Despite the secrecy precautions, word of the Princess's cruise leaked out as soon as the launch had sailed.—Reuter.

**'Govt Forces Driven
To The Beaches'**

Singapore, Apr. 21.
Central Sumatran rebel Chief-of-Staff Lieutenant-Colonel Achmad Hussein last night stormed into the former insurgent stronghold of Padang at the head of his troops, Bukittinggi radio claimed today.

The rebel radio said Colonel Hussein led the attack armed with a Bren gun. "Panic-stricken government troops fled to the beaches" the radio said.

Dinkarta radio contradicted the report and said Padang, after a week of occupation by Government troops, was peaceful and its "liberated" people were celebrating the Muslim New Year.

The radio reported, however, the former rebel commander of the city, Captain Zainal, had been killed in the fighting near Padang.

Air Raid

In its battle report tonight the rebel radio said Indonesian Air Force Mitchell bombers and Mustang fighters today raided Solok 40 miles inland from Padang.

One child was killed and some buildings damaged, the radio said.

Rebel troops retreated to Solok when they lost Padang last week.

Later, the rebel radio announced the fall of Kilirandjau, keypoint on the road between Central and South Sumatra.

This means the remaining rebel forces are now cut-off round their capital of Bukittinggi.

The radio claimed, however, that "the fortress of Bukittinggi" had enough supplies to stand a siege of one year.

The radio claimed fighting was still going on in the Tapanuli district, north of the rebel heartland of West Sumatra, and rebel forces there had killed Colonel Poedjo, a well-known veteran of the war against the Dutch.—Reuter.

New Record

Paris, Apr. 22.
Jacques Guilmand, test pilot of the French South Aviation Company, flying a Trident 02-Rocket Engine Aircraft, set up an unofficial world record for fast climbing from "a standing start" to 10,000 metres, it was announced today.

The actual time has not yet been announced, the times having yet to be worked out, but it was expected to be less than 200 seconds.—France-Press.

**Scout Leaders Arrested
For Good Deed**

New York, Apr. 21.
A pair of Boy Scout Masters have a date in the Felony Court today to answer for a daring good deed.

They've already spent 24 hours in raving custody of police—all for catching a couple of hit-and-run teenagers in a stolen car and delivering them to the nearest policeman.

Hector Tirado, 37, and his brother, Ezequiel, 32, both Purple Heart veterans of World War II, are held for waving a starting gun during the capture.

As the brothers told it, they were driving home after their regular Friday night Scout meetings when their car was side-swiped on First Avenue by a speeding car which did not stop. The Tirados gave chase.

Another motorist blocked the runaway car for them. And the Tirados approached the teenagers.

When the Tirados asked the youthful occupants of the car

for their drivers' licences and registrations they said the boys, both 17, confessed the car was stolen.

Ezequiel, worried because he and his brother were carrying US\$300, most of it belonging to Boy Scouts of their troop, got the blank cartridge pistol from his car and sort of shifted it from hand to hand, he said.

The Tirados said the boys, later identified as John Gasper and Robert Whitney, begged them not to call police but come home with them and let them pay them for the damage. The brothers pretended to agree.

They led the other car until they found a policeman, hailed and told him the story. The whole party trooped to the East 167th Street police station.

There, after the youths were booked and led away to cells, the Tirados were startled to be told: "You're next."

The young thieves, it developed, had charged the Tirados held them up with a gun and demanded ransom.

That question, said detectives, belongs to the courts. They are charged with felonious assault.

"I did not expect that," said Hector, "we were only trying to do the right thing."—United Press.

**PROTOCOL
SIGNED**

Moscow, Apr. 22.
The Soviet Union and Japan tonight reached agreement on salmon fishing in the Pacific for the 1958 season. A protocol to the Fisheries Convention between the two states was initiated in the early hours of Tuesday morning in Moscow after many weeks of hard negotiations.

The Protocol means that Japanese fishing fleets will be able to move into their traditional fishing grounds within the next ten days without fear of Soviet naval interference.—Reuter.

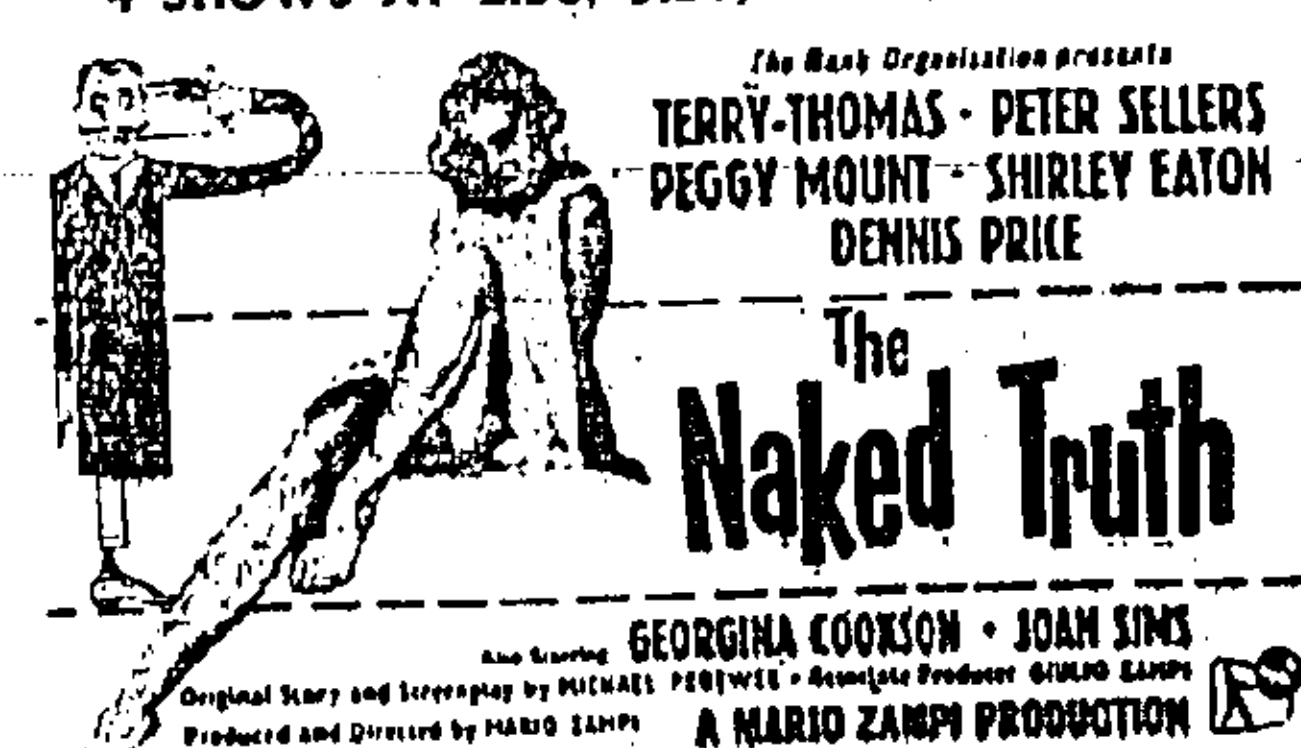
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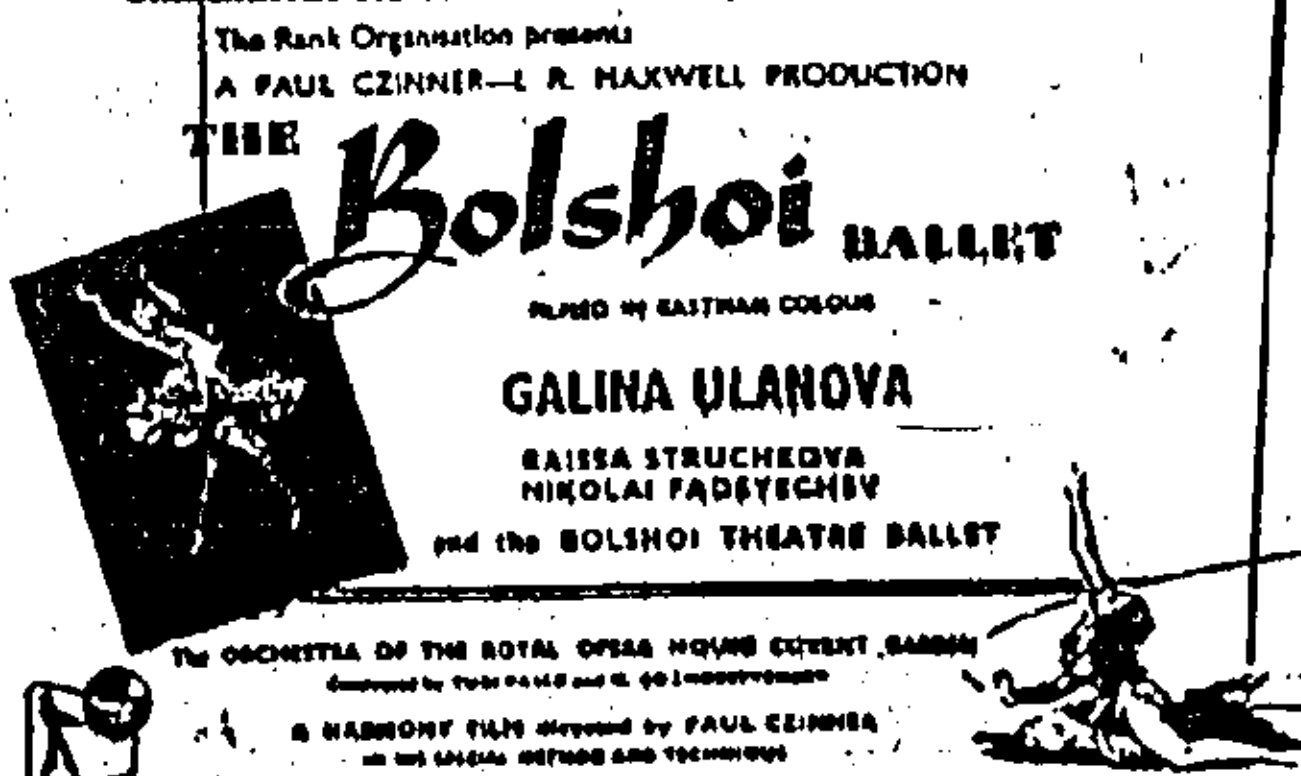
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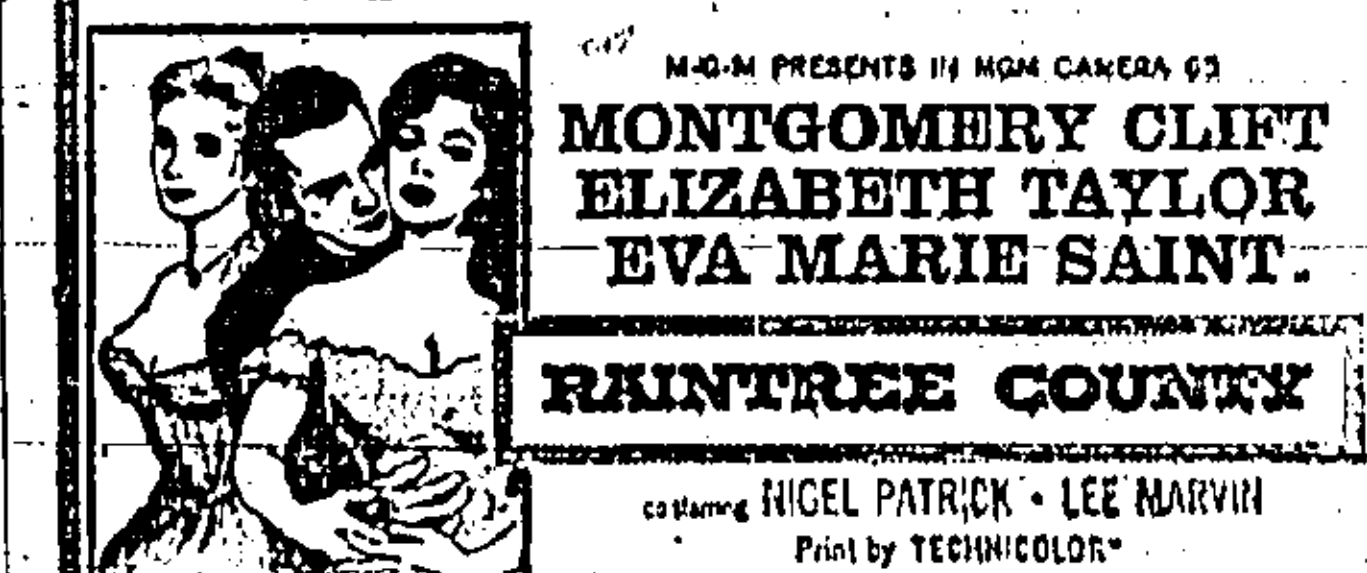
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CABLE BRIEFS

Newcastle, Apr. 21. Two striptease girls got a special police escort home tonight after receiving a threatening note which read: "Go home striptease girls, or you will suffer". The note was signed "Family Wapman".—United Press.

Stevenage, Apr. 21. Town officials today ordered wooden anti-gossip screens built between back gardens on a new housing project "to stop housewives being gossiped by gossiping neighbours".—United Press.

Barcelona, Apr. 21. Fernando Carpio Olivas told police today that thieves who broke into his home while he slept, stole 20,000 pesetas and his alarm clock.—United Press.

Guildenburgh, Apr. 21. Schoolboy Roger Sutcliffe, 17, gave a hard-to-classes today with his teacher's blessing. He was given permission to grow the beard for his part in a school play—and orders to shave it off afterward.—United Press.

Barton-on-Trent, Apr. 21. "Dogs Must Be On A Lead" reads the warning sign at dog-eye level on the lamp posts here. Chalked on one post yesterday: "I'm lucky, I can't read it."—United Press.

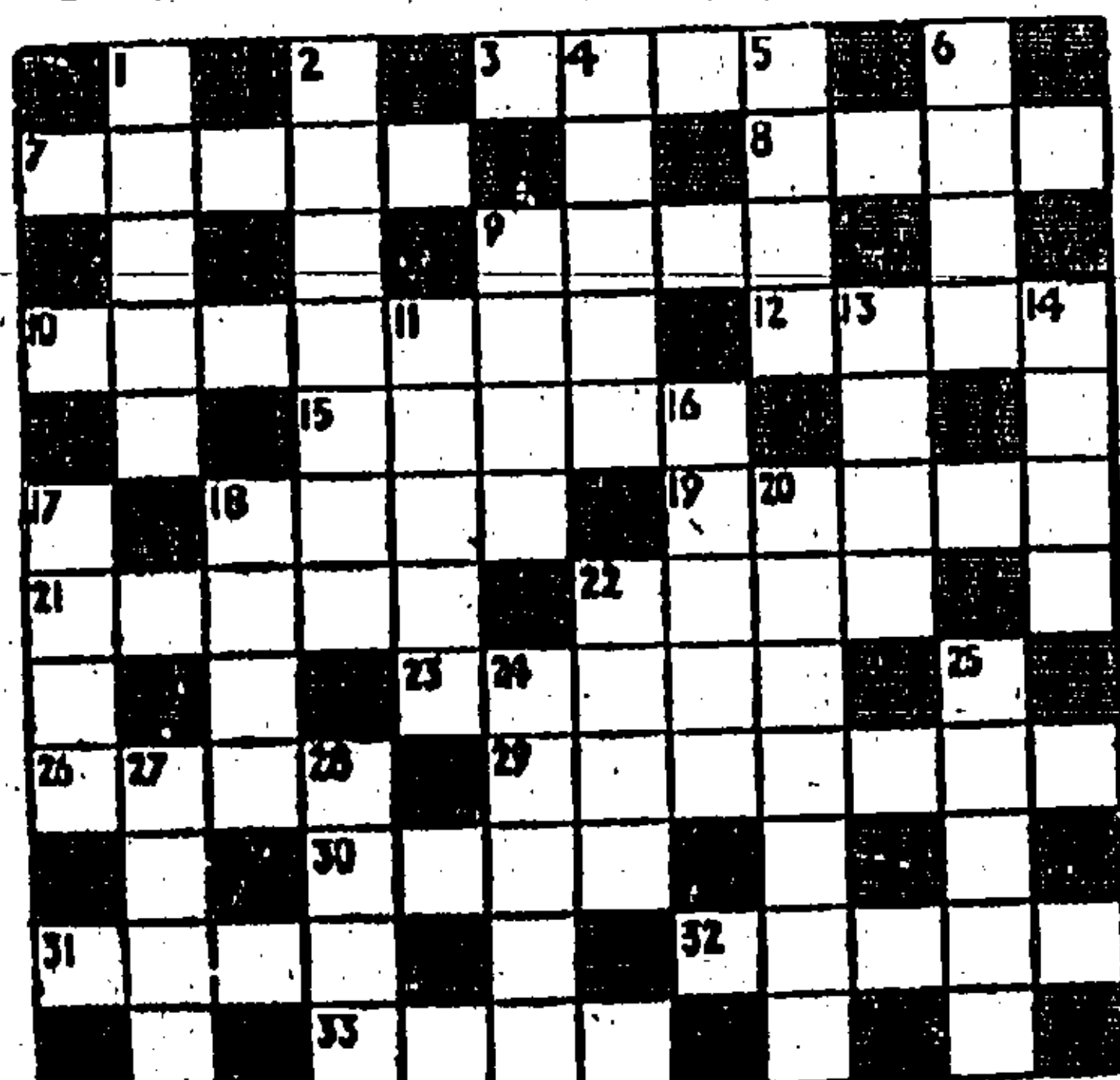
Canterbury, Apr. 21. Kenneth Evans, 13, beat 20 girls and won highest points in a "mothercraft" examination held by the local Red Cross chapter.—United Press.

Nottingham, Apr. 21. Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson, who celebrated her 100th birthday yesterday, told reporters: "I don't feel a day older than 70."—United Press.

Louth, Apr. 21. Apologetic British Railways officials yesterday laid on a special five-car train to carry 12 passengers after one they started out on ran 18 minutes late and made them miss a connection. The State-owned railroad also paid for a taxi to take one of them another 40 miles home.—United Press.

Shaldon, Apr. 21. Police were withholding the name today of the man who walked into a bank here yesterday, saw no cashier, leaped over the counter and pressed a button to alarm. The button was the hold-up alarm.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Sarah's umbrella (4).
 - One might well land on it (5).
 - Not much (4).
 - Display of anger before the final (4).
 - Undergo, perhaps, some reward (7).
 - Tale one could spin, of course (4).
 - She's divine, but not matchless (5).
 - Form of 100 and a donkey! (6).
 - Tears asunder (5).
 - It might be clerical but still wrong (5).
 - They're depicted by layers (4).
 - Modern roof-top features (7).
 - Large instrument (4).
 - You can do it on your head (4).
 - Strained (5).
 - The gallery? (4).
- DOWN**
- Uncle who told tales (5).
 - Is it possible to be fed up when you're this? (7).
 - Representative (5).
 - Want a channel (4).
 - Marie of a blow (4).
 - Big crowd in a pub (4).
 - Stupid (5).
 - Man and a mother! (4).
 - Comfortable quarters (4).
 - Is he cover himself? (5).
 - The family one? (4).
 - Cony (4).
 - He knows what to put on a horse! (7).
 - The extent of a basement (4).
 - Brain goes mad (5).
 - Not for off (5).
 - Encourage a radio character! (4).
 - A noble animal (4).

MONDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Pom-pom, 7 R.S.V.P., 9 Lure, 10 Crepe, 11 Anno, 12 Capitulate, 15 Hewn, 16 Left, 19 Retrograde, 24 Beer (rev), 25 Slew, 26 Magic, 28 Best, 29 Single, 30 Down: 1 On top, 3 Point, 4 Mistle, 5 Breathe, 6 Oven, 8 Sift, 12 Clue, 13 Collar, 14 Inquest, 17 Fists, 18 Drill, 20 Gamin, 21 Angel, 23 Beau.

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READY FOR THE BEACH?



Big Armada Gathers For Seato Exercise North Of Singapore

Manila, Apr. 21. Twenty-four ships from Australia, Britain, New Zealand, Pakistan and the United States were scheduled to converge on Singapore on April 28 for the two-week Southeast Asian alliance maritime exercise "Ocean Link," it was disclosed today.

Lt-General Alfonso Arellano, the Philippine Seato military adviser, said "Ocean Link" would start on May 1, when the participating armada undergoes a preliminary organization and coordination phase in regular training areas to the north of Singapore.

General Arellano said the climax of the manoeuvre would take place during passage northward from Singapore to Manila, slated from May 6 to 13.

He said "Ocean Link" the third in a series of Seato maritime exercises, "will emphasize training and co-ordination for defence."

Australia will dispatch the aircraft carrier Melbourne and the destroyers Voyager and Warramunga for the exercise, New Zealand the cruiser Royalist and Pakistan the destroyer Khaibar.

The United Kingdom has the aircraft carrier Bulwark, the cruiser Newfoundland, the destroyer Cossack, the submarine Aurora and the Royal Fleet auxiliaries Wave Master, Wave Knight and Fort Charlotte.

From the United States the participating vessels are the aircraft carrier Philippine Sea, the destroyers Boyd, Ernest G. Small, Harry R. Hubbard, McDermott, O'Brien, Walke and Wedderburn, the seaplane tender Floyd's Bay, the oiler Kaniwhi and two submarines.

United Press.

Asian Film Festival Starts In Manila

Manila, Apr. 21. The Fifth Asian Film Festival started today with eight nations bidding for the Golden Harvest Trophy, coveted award for the best picture produced in 1957.

A total of 26 full-length feature films and 16 documentaries were entered in the festival by Hongkong, Malaya, Singapore, Korea, India, the Philippines, China, Japan, Pakistan and Macao.

The entries from Macao and Pakistan were considered "rival" and "non-competitive". Eleven jurors were picked to review the entries according to standards set by the Federation of Motion Picture Producers Association in Asia.

The prizes were scheduled to be given on Saturday night at the conclusion of the five-day festival.

SOME of the new styles in swim-suits on show in Paris recently. The modernistic designs were produced by famous French painters such as Touchagues, Labisse and Chaplain. Midy. — Key-stone.

MOTHER KEPT

MACABRE SECRET FOR 10 YEARS

Frankfurt, Apr. 21. For 10 years, the children of Mrs. Katarina Keim in Treysa Village in Hesse, believed their mother had been deserted by their father.

The mother's secret was well kept until quite recently. Then she took up the skeleton and put it in an ammunition box which stood in the corner of their apartment.

There it remained while the children played around it, never doubting the box contained what it should have held.

The skeleton was discovered when the authorities started making inquiries following Mrs. Keim's application for a certificate of her husband's death.—France-Press.

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Pledge To Make Socialists Out Of Americans

Moscow, Apr. 21. Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev told US Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson tonight that if the Communists win their "peaceful" race with the United States, they would do their best to make Socialists out of the Americans.

The Soviet Premier spoke at a Polish Embassy reception honouring the 13th anniversary of the 1945 Polish-Soviet Treaty of Friendship and Mutual Aid.

Dressed in a smart, grey suit and to all appearances in an excellent mood, he made extemporaneous remarks to an audience of some 300 diplomats, prominent Soviet officials and newsmen.

Khrushchev was talking about his favourite subject—competition with the West.

Spitting

After telling the Communist Ambassadors that they represent "peaceful countries", the Soviet leader said "now I know there are other Ambassadors here who would love to spit on Communism, but don't let's see who can spit further, like camels in a cage."

"Let us compete peacefully," he added. Continuing and becoming more agitated, Khrushchev said: "of course we will beat the Capitalists."

"But that does not mean killing anybody," he said. He said that the Chinese are clever people because they are re-educating the Capitalist elements in their country to accept Socialism.

At this point, Khrushchev spotted American Ambassador Thompson who was standing up front in the audience. With a broad smile on his face he said to him: "If our system wins, then we will help re-educate you."

A few minutes later when Khrushchev was speaking about the Soviet Union's progress in butter production, he again addressed Thompson.

Catching Up

"We are stepping on your tails and catching up with you," he exclaimed.

Indicating Israeli Ambassador Avidar and his wife who were also standing close by, Khrushchev teased the Israeli Ambassador: "I am looking at me and thinking what is Khrushchev going to say now."

This was his cue to launch into a remark on the Jews in the Soviet Union.

He said that when Belgian Dowager Queen Elizabeth was in Moscow recently she asked President Khrushchev whether the Russians have any special relationship towards Jews in the Soviet Union.

According to Khrushchev, Voroshilov answered: "Yes, my wife is a Jew and I have special relationship towards her."

To this Khrushchev added: "If you ask what the special relationship of I can tell you that the wives of half the members of the Presidium are Jews."

Observers present at the reception took this as somewhat of a figurative statement. Khrushchev, later appealed to the whole Communist camp to stick together and advance towards Communism as one man.—United Press.

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FOLKLORE

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SPUTNIKS

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THEORY

"In practical terms, this means that the American people should not insist as a basic condition for helping other peoples that the latter pattern their theory of freedom and their practice of democracy upon their own," he said.

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'Satchmo' Is Invited To Edinburgh

Edinburgh, Apr. 21. THE Edinburgh Festival, noted for its annual productions of highbrow music and drama, has invited Louis Armstrong, the great jazz trumpeter, to take part in its official programme this summer.



'Satchmo' Armstrong

This is the first time since the Festival began in 1947 that the organisers have recognised jazz as played by one of its traditional masters to be a music worthy of inclusion.

Louis Armstrong has not so far accepted the invitation, but a festival official said today that negotiations with him were still going on.—Reuter.

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would hardly satisfy the American conscience.

"And in the face of the precarious balance that exists between the free world and the Communist world at the present time, one must seriously doubt that America can afford to adopt the stance of the weary mans-giver."

The fifth myth, he said, "is to suppose that as a result of the invention of absolute weapons, the right to life has superseded the right to be free."

"This argument presupposes that the slave values life less than the man who is free and therefore would risk his own more recklessly than the latter. But this certainly cannot be true of the modern Communist slave who must love life sufficiently to want to dominate the world."

The surest way to push them into reckless adventure would be to let them know in advance that we shall not fight if they threaten us and that we would merely submit to them if they force their way into our house.

In this thermo-nuclear world it is truer than ever before that we have a better chance of survival if we are prepared to fight for our freedom, than if we are not.

The last myth, Mr Romulo said, "is the idea that in their unremitting efforts to match

each other in wealth, power and influence, the United States and the Soviet Union will develop similar attitudes and institutions and become indistinguishable one from the other."

"It is inconceivable that the process of contagion would take place in reverse and that the American people will be compelled by the necessities of competition to adopt the worst features of the Soviet system. Nothing would be more tragic than to see the American people try deliberately to resemble their adversary in order to best him".—United Press.

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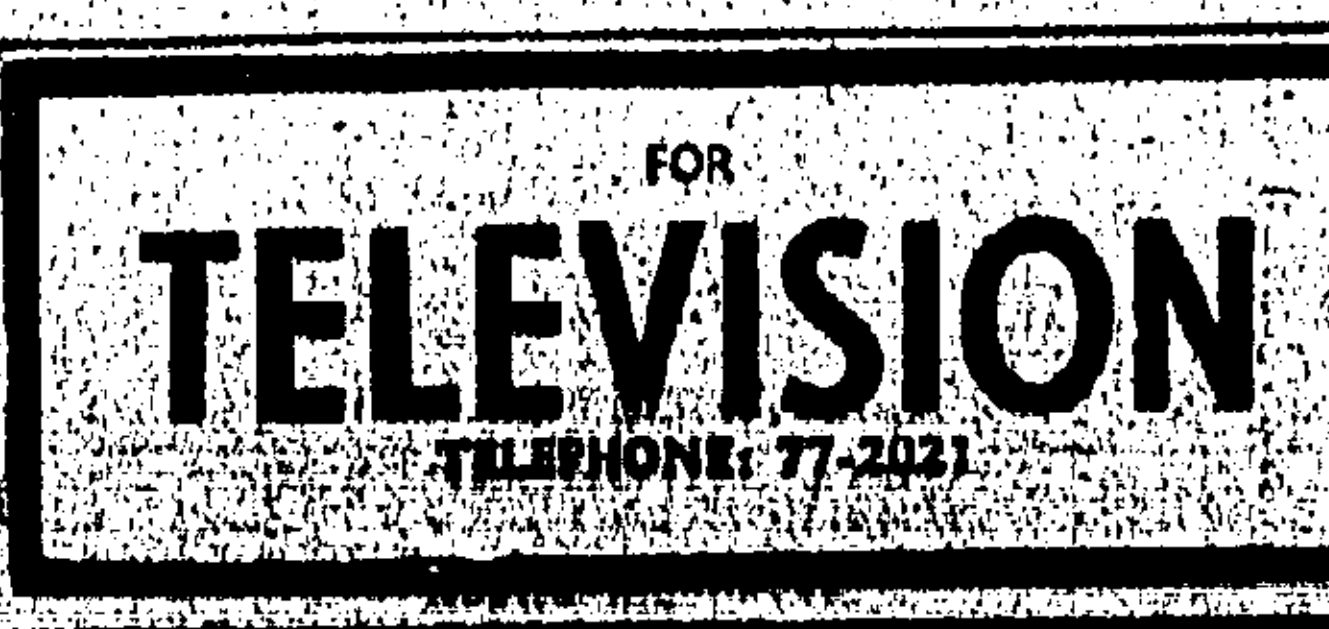


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Artie Shaw— AND THE CHEMISTRY THAT WENT WRONG!



LANA TURNER rolled over on her pillow and looked with fond affection at the brandnew husband lying beside her.

She noted, with a mixture of amusement and surprise, that he was reading a book.

"What are you reading, darling?" she asked.

The handsome spouse on the other pillow languidly closed the heavy volume. "As a matter of fact, honey," he said, "it is 'Dus Kapital' by Karl Marx."

"A travel book!" said Lana. "Which capital are you taking me to, darling? Is it Paris? I've always wanted to go to Paris!"

Said her husband, "Where you should be going, honey, if I had my way, is right back to school."

Eloped

THIS is how they tell the story in Hollywood of the first morning after

Lana Turner's marriage to bandleader Artie Shaw. It thing that came after—set the pattern for everyward.

This is no place to pry into the motives that led Artie Shaw and Lana Turner to rush away to an elopement and wedding at Las Vegas.

Mr Shaw's marital urges have always been obscure, even though he has indulged them eight times to date in a full blaze of publicity.

But certainly a less likely candidate for the tricky task of sharing his waking hours is hard to imagine.

Lana Turner herself, after praising Shaw's smile and his prowess with a saxophone, gave her reason for accepting his proposal.

"It was pure chemistry," she said.

In that case, she had undoubtedly got the formula wrong. For though Shaw seemed, on the dance floor and in the film studio, to be an

amiable fellow with a genius for making good music, in private life he was a much more complicated character.

Beneath the jazz-band man's dinner jacket lurked a frustrated scholar with a passion for books and a mission to educate anyone who came in contact with him.

Lana was soon to discover that the lessons he yearned to impart to his blonde, 19-year-old, sweater-girl bride were much more philosophical than physical, and more concerned with psychology than with passion and emotion.

They had met and fallen in love while they were making a film together called "Every Other Inch a Lady," and the title had some reference to Lana's social and mental status at the time.

She had made the grade in films so far as salary and fan-worship were concerned. But to most of the executives and technicians in Hollywood—always the most hostile critics of the swiftly-risen star—she was still a kid from the gutter.

The pretty face and sexy figure which were working film fans all over the world into a fever got only a cold shoulder from them.

True, the usual line of on-the-town bachelors, like Peter Lawford, Turhan Bey and Mickey Rooney, queued up for dates, but that was as far as it got.

Artie Shaw's proposal, at the end of their first kiss—which took place before the cameras—looked like a genuine thing, and fulfilled a growing need to be recognized, made respectable, and helped her to feel that she belonged in this bright, strange new world of films.

But no girl can love long a man who keeps telling her she hasn't a brain in her head. She was in no mood, at that stage in her life, for a husband who played the clarinet all day and read books all night—and expected her, moreover, to chase him from chapter to chapter.

The brawls began when she tried to get their married life to more magic and romantic moments.

Hell-raiser

SHE let her disillusionment fester for almost two years, and meanwhile went back to her role of a hell-raising play-girl.

It didn't get her anywhere except into some strange places with some strange people.

She got to know the seamy world behind the Hollywood scenes—the gangsters, the racketeers, and the hard-men of the industry.

That was when she first ran into hoodlums like Mickey Cohen and Bugsie Siegel, one of whose henchmen, Johnny Schempanato, was to ruin her life.

In films she was still soaring. By 1942 she was earning nearly £40,000 a year. And when a handsome young business man came into her circle, by name Stephen Crane, she decided that this time she would try to be practical.

What could be more practical than to agree to marry a stockbroker—the kind of man who could advise her best how to handle her money?

They were married in July of that year. Almost at once, Lana Turner discovered that Mr Marriage No. 1 had been to a playboy who turned out to be a frustrated scholar. Marriage No. 2 was to a serious man who

turned out to be more interested in the social round.

And this time she wasn't in the mood. She had played enough, in some queer places, and what she wanted now was a little peace.

By the time she had fought her way to the divorce courts this time, she was pregnant. She asked the courts for the custody of her unborn child—and got it.

Crane had meanwhile untangled a mix-up over a previous marriage, and started to woo her all over again. When she rejected a plea that she should marry him all over again, he raced his car along a road close to her house and crashed it into a tree on the edge of a cliff.

They were married for a second time, soon after he came out of hospital.

The reunion lasted another eight months, but only because Lana had meanwhile given birth to her baby, a girl christened Cheryl, and she was too wrapped up in the business, plus the joys and fulfillments of motherhood to care about anyone else.

She left Crane for the last time after a brawl with an actor at a Hollywood party. And she declared, with a grin-and-tonic in one hand and the other earnestly pressed to her heart:

"I will never, never fall in love again. All I shall live for now is my darling little daughter."

But in Hollywood, as in politics, it never pays to make positive statements. They come back to haunt you later.

Love, love

Lana played the town again. And then, with an impact that rocked her off her feet, she suddenly discovered what love can really mean. She met Tyrone Power and was captivated by him.

Everything else that had ever happened to her in her troubled and stormy life faded into the background before the onslaught of this enormous, worshipping, happy, and yet tormenting passion.

She was ecstatic. She was so happy that she felt silly. Soon she was telling all her friends, and then the whole world, that she was in love, love, love, and that all she wanted out of life was a home for her daughter, Cheryl, and herself—with Ty.

"We'll be married soon," she said. "After that I'll just become a wife, and live happily ever after."

She was neck-deep in marriage plans, and out of her head with bliss, when a cable arrived from Rome. It was from Tyrone Power. It simply said: ARRIVING BY CLIPPER PLEASE MEET ME AT AIRPORT.

Lana Turner was there with all the photographers. And that was a pity. Because she took one look at Power's face, and she suddenly realised that the idyll was over.

"It's over, isn't it?" she said.

"Yes," said Power. "I've come to tell you I've fallen in love with another girl. Her name is Linda Christian and I'm going to marry her."

Lana Turner stood there, looking at him, for a moment. And then she said: "I wish you all the luck in the world, you rat," and rushed away to her car.

Continued
tomorrow

Why be scared of the Bay of Biscay?



The author of this article sailed to Biscay the tranquil way—along the canals and rivers of Brittany. His report will provide a basis for families planning a holiday that is different.

IN Chichester Harbour they raised their eyebrows. The Bay of Biscay indeed? In a four-ton sloop? With a crew whose experience consisted mainly of a few trips round the Solent and one there-and-back trip to Cherbourg? In fact there was nothing to it. For although we sailed every inch of the way to La Rochelle, in the Bay, we took the overland route—through the rivers and canals of Brittany.

And what we did, of course, anybody can do—anybody, that is, who owns a small yacht (mine cost the price of a small second-hand car) or who can borrow or hire one.

So here is a record of a journey within the capabilities of many of the ever-growing number of yachting families.

No problems

First, of course, there was the crossing to St. Malo. That took 35 hours and presented no problems. We stayed there long enough only to buy a chart of the River Rance, and then headed for Le Chatelet which is at the entrance to the inland waterway system of this top left-hand corner of France.

Then, an hour after hour of bliss, laziness in the sun, watching the mirrored countryside of Brittany slip by the muted throes of the boat's exhaust, emphasising the deepness of the summer silence into which it intruded. Winding its way gradually upwards to its 600ft. summit, the canal passes through a succession of unspoiled little villages, and then descends by way of the gracious city of Rennes to meet the Nantes-Brest Canal at Redon.

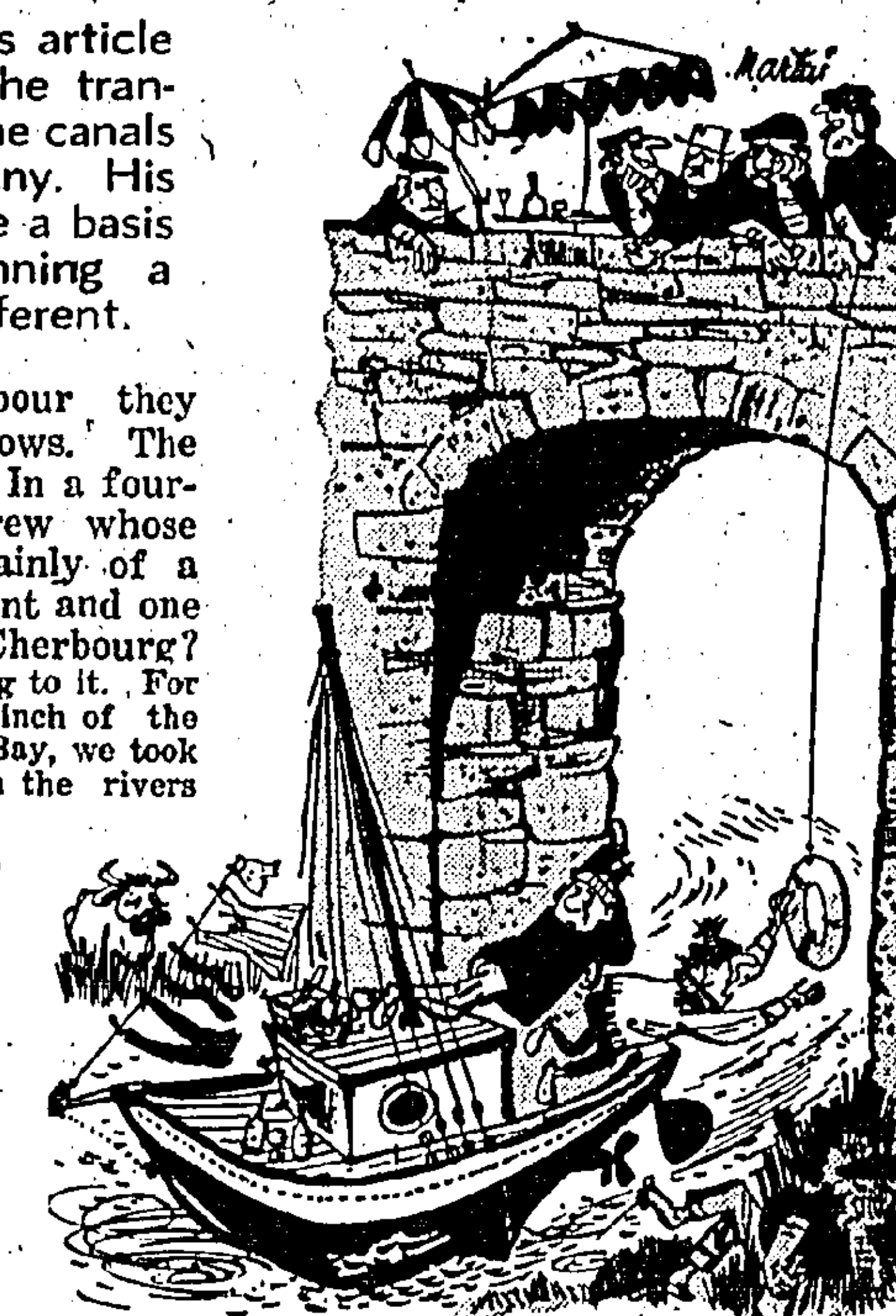
We had our itinerary all worked out. On the map it seemed perfectly simple. The Vilaine River goes straight down to the sea, and that was the way we would go. True, it is dammed at Redon by a huge barrier, but we were told it was possible to pass through this obstruction.

Evasive...

We approached the Ponts et Chaussées Bureau to have the barrier opened for us. They were polite, but evasive.

"The route via Nantes," we were told, "is too jolly, and should on no account be missed. Whereas the Villaine..." an expressive shrug.

Secretly we suspected that they were not at all sure how to



by MICHAEL LATHAM

operate the contraption. But we insisted and finally had our way. With another small yacht we eased under the great gate and were immediately swept downstream at a terrifying rate by the outgoing tide. Rounding a bend, we suddenly saw ahead of us the great granite wall of all pontoon bridges, and we were approaching it at breakneck speed! We stopped by the simple method of dropping every available anchor, and eventually managed to squeeze under it.

Settled

But my advice is that the route via Nantes is indeed too jolly, and should definitely not be missed.

From the point of view of the coastal sailor, the reputation of the Bay of Biscay is not entirely justified. During the summer the weather is much more settled than in the Channel, and what storms there are seem predictable and free from aftermath.

The best time to go is June and July. It is as well to be back in the canals by late August.

The beautiful coast and islands of Brittany provide a delightful and Picturesque

little towns huddle in the shelter of massive walls. Sunny cafes offer delights at prices which, by resort standards, are ridiculously low. Everywhere the people were courteous and friendly.

Fishing in the bay is a vigorous and thriving industry, and the great tunny boats cram every harbour. We became friendly with some of the fishermen, and were kept supplied with fresh sardines and sometimes mackerel.

To cut the cost we breakfasted on cornflakes and Camembert cheese, lunched on slabs of pate and Camembert cheese, and dined on fish and Camembert cheese.

Hospitable

We bought wine at up to 200 francs a bottle, which varied in quality depending on where we were. In Plozeur we favoured Anjou Rose. The Ile de Re makes an extremely cheap red wine which, regrettably, I cannot recommend.

The yachting community in these parts is most hospitable. It was 5 a.m. when we blew into Le Paillet, on Belle Isle, in the teeth of a near gale, and brought up in the harbour alongside a French yacht.

At once we were provided with hot coffee, and soon came to know our new neighbours.

Their captain, a fellow of 6ft. 6in., summed up our sentiments nicely. "British and French sailormen," he rumbled between bites from an entire loaf of bread, "tres sympathique." We rode across the island with them on hired bicycles.

FLANNING NOTE: A small outboard cruiser or camping dinghy can be shipped to St. Malo, and thereafter the waterways of Brittany are open free of charge on obtaining a Permis de Circulation from the French Tourist Bureau in London or any Points et Chaussées Bureau.

The only other document needed (apart from a passport) is a tryptique obtainable from the Automobile Association, R.A.C., or yacht clubs. Petrol is available in St. Malo duty-free to yachts, but thereafter the regular price must be paid.

Sweets help

The cost of living aboard is what you make it, and excellent and cheap provisions can often be bought from local-keepers. Tipping these men is not necessary, but help in working the locks, and sweets for the children, are much appreciated. From Le Chatelet to Nantes is 200 miles, and there are 78 locks, which can accommodate almost any boat of 4ft. draught or less. Sailing boats will, of course, have to unstap their masts.

HIRING the smallest boat suitable for a Channel crossing costs about £50 to £70 a week. A lot, but this size boat takes six adults (though some firms may insist that one place goes to a hired hand).

IF YOU ARE NO SAILOR, Tourist air fare to Bordeaux, then train to La Rochelle, costs £33 15s. return. Summer sea and rail fare is £21 first class return and £15 second class.

Try this

CULINARY NOTE: At a restaurant overlooking the Rance, a couple of miles upstream from St. Malo we ate Plozeur's Farlie, which were just out of this world.

Make them by removing a dozen clams (mussels might do) from their shells, and heating them in their own juice without letting them boil. Put them into their own empty half-shells, and arrange in an oven-dish. To a generous tablespoon of melted butter add a teaspoon of finely-chopped parsley, three chopped shallots (garlic if you prefer), a tablespoon of white wine, the juice of a lemon, a pinch of salt, and a dash of cayenne pepper.

Reduce by simmering, and stir in two tablespoons of coarse butter—brown bread crumbs. With a little of the mixture on each clam, bake for a minute or two in a hot oven before serving.

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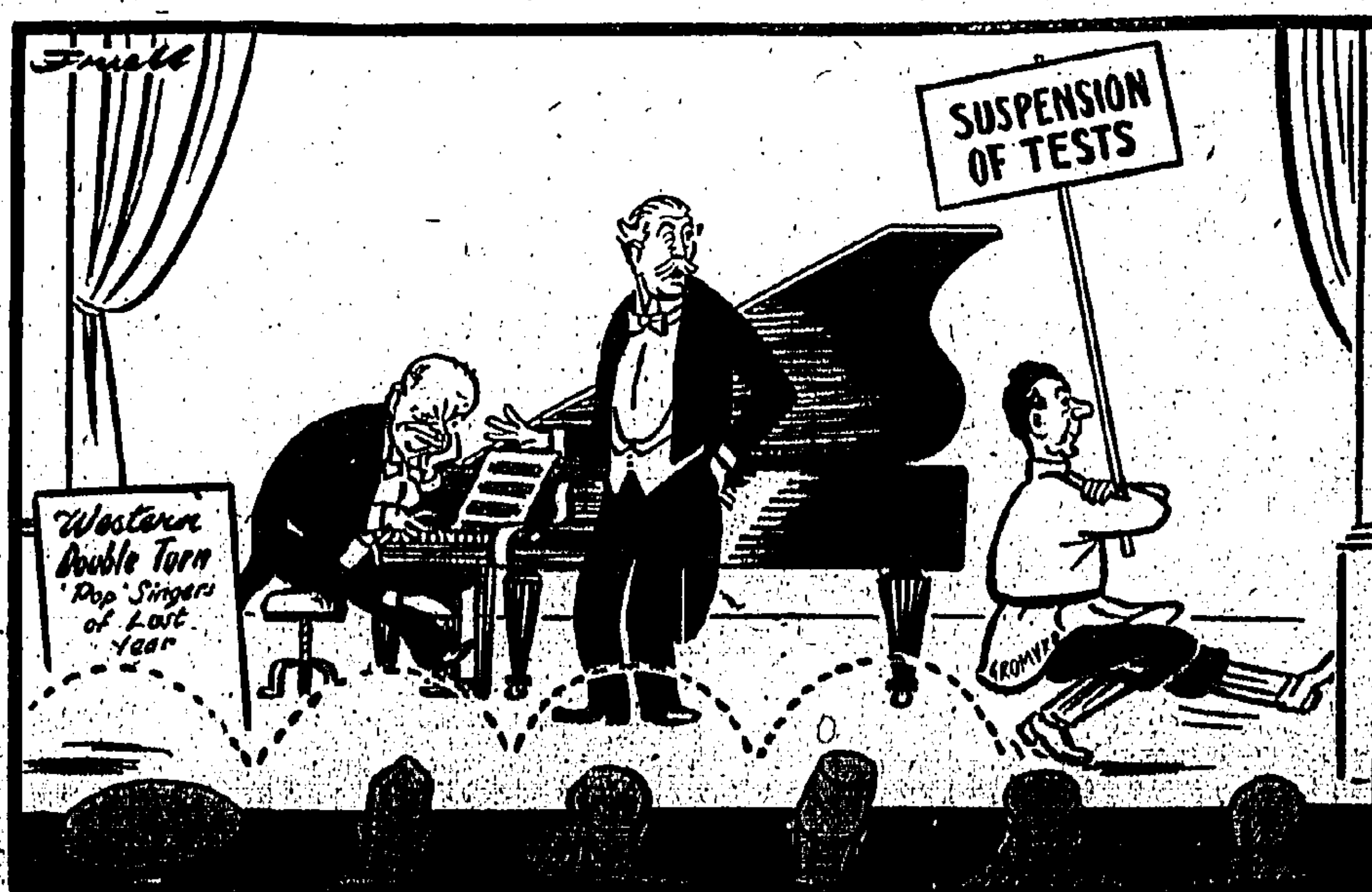


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THEY RODE TO FAME

THE KID WITH THE GENTLE TOUCH

POLICE CALLED TO PROTECT U.K. SOCCER REFEREE

London, Apr. 21. Police were called to protect the referee after promotion candidates Plymouth Argyle had been beaten at home in tonight's English Football League programme.

Plymouth, leaders of the Third Division South, went down 2-3 to Southend United.

About 3,000 people, in very hostile mood, waited for the departure of the referee, Mr. G. W. Pollin, and it was nearly three-quarters of an hour before he could get away, surrounded by a mob of hooligans.

The crowd was dispersed with Mr. Pollin when he was surrounded by a mob of hooligans and later refused to award a penalty to them.

Plymouth with one more match to play, lead by one point from Reading and

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, Apr. 21. Results in tonight's football matches were:

LEAGUE ONE
Aston 1, Northampton 1
Bolton 0, Preston 0
Manchester U. 0, Wolverhampton 0

LEAGUE TWO
Barnsley 0, Middlesbrough 1
Birmingham 0, Cardiff City 1
Bristol City 0, Gillingham 1

LEAGUE THREE SOUTH
Cheltenham 0, Shrewsbury 0
Coventry City 2, Norwich City 0
Plymouth A. 3, Southend U. 1

LEAGUE THREE NORTH
Barnsley 0, Bradford City 0
Crewe 0, Wrexham 0
Stockport C. 2, Scunthorpe U. 0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE ONE
Aberdeen 0, Clyde 0
Dundee 0, Greenock 0
East Fife 0, Dundee 0
Queen's Park 0, Falkirk 0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE TWO
Brechin City 0, Alloa Athletic 0
Hamilton 0, Forth Wanderers 0

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George Fordham—One Of The Greatest All-Round Jockeys Ever Known

By PERCY RUDD

London. Lord Howth, a great racing authority in the middle of the 19th century, regarded George Fordham as the most wonderful lightweight jockey who ever threw his leg across a horse.

That was high praise, for Fordham in the second half of his 35 years in the saddle clashed with Fred Archer. Which of the two was the greater? There is evidence from others who know both that Lord Howth was right.

For instance, Matt Dawson, with whom Archer served his apprenticeship, and Harry Custance, jockey for 24 years and starter for 10, both put Fordham first. So did Richard Marsh, trainer to King Edward VII. This is what Marsh wrote in his autobiography:

"On the whole I am inclined to name George Fordham as the greatest all-round jockey I have ever known. He was a master in judging pace in a tight fit, and no one knew where the winning post was better than he did. He would win a race by a head, and then carry 7lb more on the same horse and still win. You never knew after years of careful observation what he had in hand."

Fordham was born at Cambridge in the autumn of 1857 and rode his last race in the Spring of 1904. He had two years out of the saddle (1876-7), owing to illness, retired for the same reason and died three years later, at the age of 50.

For nine years in succession and 14 times in all (including a tie in 1871 with C. Malden) he was champion jockey. But, like Gordon Richards, he had to wait until the evening of his career for his one and only Derby winner—St. Beys in 1879, when he was 41.

His 15 classic triumphs included even in the One Thousand Guineas (a record for any jockey in that race), five in the Oaks and two in the Two Thousand. Altogether he rode 2,369 winners, 379 fewer than Archer.

Like his predecessor, Francis Mackie, Fordham was the soul of honesty and very jealous of his reputation for straight dealing. So much so that when he was beaten on Happy Land in the Two Thousand Guineas, and trainer William Day excused the defeat to the owner by saying "If I train a horse to win and a jockey doesn't second my efforts, is it my fault?" he set out to win it.

Not only did he tell Day he would never ride for him again, but he complained to the Jockey Club stewards, who severely reprimanded the trainer.

On another occasion, after the Derby of 1893, he and Alfred Salt, a steepchase jockey, were riding across Binstead Common when they were joined by a friend of Salt's, Mr. Oldaker, who like them was returning from Epsom races.

The newcomer, not recognising Salt's companion, began a tirade against Fordham, the burden of which was that he had seen him that day stop Lord Clifden, the Derby favourite.

Salt tried in vain to change the subject and when Oldaker persisted in his vilification Fordham lost his temper and set about the offender with his whip until he cried for mercy and apologized.

He and Salt were on their way to a dinner party at Curthallton and when they arrived Fordham refused to eat or mix with the company and retired to a seat on the stairs, where he wept remorseful tears.

The reaction was genuine, for Fordham was really the most gentle of mortals. He never belaboured his horses, riding many notable victories without the use of whip or spur. He was full of kindness.

There was an instance when he rode a horse for Sir John Astley in the Lewes Handicap, and was beaten by a head by another belonging to a widow, Mrs.

Drewett—an old friend, for she and her husband had brought him up as a boy.

After the race he went up to Sir John and said he ought to have won "Nooses," said the owner, "I saw nothing wrong."

But George continued "Mrs. Drewett has not been able to pay her rent and all through the race I couldn't help thinking of this—and you know I ought to have won."

The Accusation
Trainer George Lambton, telling the story, said it was probably the only occasion in Fordham's life when he might have been accused of not doing his best. "The Bank of England could not buy him," said Lambton.

As for his treatment of horses, there was the occasion when a boy from his stable was going on sports, Hagg wrote in the May issue of the Swedish magazine All the Sport.

"Prize money should be in direct proportion to the results," he said. "For instance, if a runner turns in a new world record for the 1,500 Metres, he should get, say, 2,000 crowns (US\$400). But if the winning time is 3:50 or some so-so

result, he should only get a cup or something similar."

Hagg suggested that a "descending scale" be worked out beforehand for prize money.

Amateur Rules
He was taking up the demands for "open" Olympics and other championships which have been made by a great number of European athletes and officials following the refusal of the International Olympic Committee to relax amateur rules in its last Congress in Sochi.

But so far Hagg is alone in proposing "pay scales" for athletes.

"Some may wonder if they are practical, economically," he wrote. "Let me say the crowds are more than willing to pay to see athletes break world records. A few hundred dollars for a world record is a good investment for meet organisers. The gates will be bigger, and so will be the profit."

"I have no doubts the athletes would welcome such a solution. And I'm convinced sports standards would rise accordingly."—United Press.

British Hard Courts Tennis Championships
London, Apr. 21. United States high pressure tennis ace Budgie Patty flew in from Germany 10 minutes late for his first encounter in the British Hard Courts Tennis Championships at Bournemouth today and 40 minutes late for his second against Britain's Tommy Anderson.

Patty, who has been coaching the West German Davis Cup team, swept through Anderson 6-0, 6-0, 6-0 in the second round.

His competitor, J. W. Frost, beat Britain's J. Delofoord 6-3, 6-2 and 6-1 in the first round. —France-Press.

A CHAMPION'S PUNCH



Dave Charnley (right), British lightweight title holder, caught Peter Waterman, British and European Welterweight Champion, off guard and delivered a forceful blow in a championship fight held at the Harringay Arena, London, on April 15. The champion defeated the battered Peter Waterman in the fifth of a 10-round fight. — Reuterphoto.

SWEDEN'S GREAT MILER... In Favour Of Paying Runners Cash Prizes

Stockholm, Apr. 21. Gundar Haegg, Sweden's great miler of the early forties, has come out in favour of paying runners cash prizes "in direct proportion to their clockings."

Haegg, who held the world record at 4:01.4 when he was disqualified in 1945 for accepting prize money, said the "amateur prophets" of international sport lacked knowledge of the "facts of sports life."

The only way to eliminate widespread "dishonesty" in sports was to pay athletes for the time and effort they spent on sports, Haegg wrote in the May issue of the Swedish magazine All the Sport.

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Probables With Jockeys For Great Metropolitan Handicap
London, Apr. 22. There are 17 probable runners with jockeys for the Great Metropolitan Handicap to be run over two miles and a quarter at Epsom today at 1410 GMT.

They are: Gads Hill (W. Hildesley), Lanza (W. Smith), Hollybush (S. Millbank), Chamanna (A. Bressley), Oudrennismist (no jockey yet), Lucky White Heather (E. Smith), Bonhomie (M. Hayes), Chillon (P. Robinson), Secariole (J. Sime), Mr. Moses (G. Sturkey), High Favour (C. Holman), Atlantic Ocean (D. Johnston), Nicolo (R. Roder), Raggedy Ann (K. Temple-Nidd), Beyond The Mass (R. Slinger), Battersea (D. Greening) and Festive (J. Lynch).

Oudrennismist is a doubtful runner.

There are seven probable runners with jockeys for the Blue Riband Trial Stakes, to be run over one mile and about 110 yards today at 1515 GMT.

They are: Amerigo (E. Smith), Kingyrol (L. Plagoff), Kingyrol (no jockey), Mince Lamp (W. H. Carr), Chinese Sun (J. Partell), Pandour and Bengal Lancer (A. Bressley). —China Mail Special.

Ashley Cooper Ranked No. 1 In Australia

Melbourne, Apr. 21. Ashley Cooper, 21-year-old Davis Cup player from Melbourne, was ranked Number One today in the 1936 national rankings list issued by the Australian Lawn Tennis Association.

For the first time in five years the list did not contain the names of either Lew Hoad or Ken Rosewall, both of whom have turned professional.

Cooper, elected to the Number One spot for the first time, owes his ranking principally to his victory in the Australian Championships in Sydney in January.

Miss Lorraine Coghlan took over at Number One in the women's rankings from Mrs. Beryl Collier (formerly Beryl Penrose).

THE RANKINGS

Men:—1 Ashley Cooper, 2 Val Anderson, 3 Neale Fraser, 4 Mervyn Rose, 5 Roy Emerson, 6 Bob Howe, 7 Bob Murr, 8 Rod Laver, 9 Warren Woodcock, 10 Neil Gibson.

Women:—1 L. Coghlan, 2 Mrs. B. Collier, 3 M. Carter, 4 Mrs. M. Haydon, 5 J. Leane, 6 Mrs. McCallman, 7 B. Holstein, 8 M. Rayson, 9 P. Parmenter, 10 B. Jones.—Reuter.

Floyd Patterson Offered Big Purse To Defend Title

Syracuse, N.Y., Apr. 21. Two boxing managers and a promoter have offered a purse of US\$200,000 to World Heavyweight Champion Floyd Patterson if he will fight the winner of next Wednesday's match here between American Mike DeJohn and Cuban Nino Valdes.

The offer was received by Patterson's manager Gus D'Amato in a telegram signed by Johnny DeJohn, Bobby Gleason and promoter N. Rothchild.

The telegram invited D'Amato to Syracuse to see Wednesday's bout or at least watch it on television.

Gleason, who manages Valdes, said today that it was time Patterson fought someone.

Valdes, who was No. 1 challenger in 1934, has never had a chance at the title.

As for De John, he knocked out Alvin Mottif emotionally in the first round of fight last October and has not boxed in public.—France-Press.

THE GAMBOLS



By Barry Appleby



HOT WATER



FOR THE WORLD CUP

Selectors' Favourite Is Still Stan Matthews

By TOM FINNEY

London. What a busy week for fireside selectors! England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland look for international teams, England choose Under-23 sides, and all four countries comb their talent for 40 World Cup players.

I don't suppose that at any previous time in British soccer history have fans had such fun playing the old game: "Who would I pick?" Believe me, regardless of how many times you have played for your country, it is still encouraging to read letters to newspapers and see that Mr X of Southport or Mr Y of Southampton still has faith in you.

What has struck me in looking through the public's idea of an international team is one constantly recurring name—my friend and colleague Stanley Matthews.

It isn't my intention here to discuss his—or any other player's—personal claims to a place in England's World Cup team. All I would say is that the public's tremendous loyalty to a man now 43 is as justified as it ever was. I have watched him twice this season, and I played with him in Jimmy Hagan's benefit match at Sheffield.

I'm not turning a blind eye to the fact that he no longer plays flat out for 90 minutes. But when Matthews decides to turn the heat on in any game he is still on a par with any player in the world.

The fact that Blackpool are touring America and the Far East at the end of this season, with Matthews as one of the main attractions in the contract—rather suggests that he may not be going to Sweden.

The Legend

But even so, I find it hard to believe his name won't be considered when England's selectors get down to business. How is it that this phenomenal man has become a long-established legend long before his playing days are over? From time to time I've read plenty of explanations.

One favourite is that he is the hardest trainer in the game. He is the most disciplinarian trainer in football, but not the hardest.

No man has ever devoted his whole life to a cause like Stan has to football. I've noticed him

New Zealanders Hard At Work At Eastbourne

London, Apr. 21. The New Zealand cricket tourists were hard at work at Eastbourne today, concentrating largely on fielding practice. They intend to spend at least an hour every day on this before going to the nets, said their manager, M. J. H. Phillips.

On Thursday they will play a team raised by Colonel L. C. Stevens, President of Eastbourne CC.

Colonel Stevens' Eleven will include four of the New Zealanders—J. A. Hayes, E. Petrie, K. B. Cave and J. W. D'Arcy—and two former Cambridge captains, J. G. Dawes and M. Bushby.

The New Zealand team will be: J. R. Reid (captain), B. Sutcliffe, N. Harford, W. R. Playle, R. S. M. Miller, T. Meale, J. Ward, A. R. MacGibbon, J. C. Alabaster, J. T. Stirling, R. W. M. Blair, A. M. Mole. —France-Press.

HOME RUGBY RESULTS

London, Apr. 21. Results in tonight's Rugby Union and League matches were:

RUGBY UNION
Cambridge 3, Cross Keys 5.
Coventry 8, Northampton 3.
Fenny Stratford 11, Llanelli 2.
Redruth 21, Bridgewater and Albion 6.
Taunton 6, Bath 3.

RUGBY LEAGUE
Huddersfield 10, Barrow 23.
Workington Town 32, Swinton 2. —Reuter.

PENALTY RECORD?

Is this an all-time record? Bristol Hall Youth Club, playing in the Oldham six penalties in one match, including a "re-take" against Lonsdale F.C. Even so, they won 4-0. In this League Ken Satchwell, of Carburton F.C., looks like becoming the first player ever to score 100 goals in a season. He is on the 95 mark.

SEVENTH ROUND TKO WIN FOR RANDY TURPIN

Leicester, Apr. 21. Randolph Turpin, British Light-Heavyweight Champion, beat Eddie Wright, of London, in the seventh round of their 10-round contest at the Granby Halls here tonight.

The referee stopped the fight after Wright had been down for counts of five, three and nine in the seventh round.

Wille Pastrano, of the United States, beat Joe Bygraves, of Jamaica, former British Empire Heavyweight Champion, on points over 10 rounds.

This was Pastrano's third fight and third victory in Britain in eight months.

Bygraves, at 14 stone 9½ lbs., had a weight advantage of 17½ lbs., but the American's speed and uncanny anticipation and sharpness of his hooking and jabbing enabled him to get Bygraves off balance frequently.

At times Bygraves sank some wicked-looking left hooks into Pastrano's body. But Pastrano took them with ease, and his left hand rarely stopped flicking at Bygraves' face. —Reuter.

The Result

As Billy Wright, Bill Slater and I played in the England team against a Scottish side which included my Preston colleague Tommy Docherty, our two clubs, Preston and Wolves, clashed in a vital English League game.

Having dropped the points at Wolverhampton, we've had it.

So here's my apology to Stan Cullis, Billy Wright and the boys at Wolves. I wrote earlier this reason that I didn't think they had the staying power. Well, congratulations!

ASIAN GAMES

Four Malayan Weightlifters For Tokyo

Kuala Lumpur, Apr. 21. The Federation of Malaya Weightlifting Association today chose a four-man team for next month's Asian Games in Tokyo.

They are Tan Kim-beo (Middle-heavy), who was sixth in the Melbourne Olympic event and a silver medalist at the 1950 Empire Games; Kuan King-lam (Light-heavy); Cheah Sek-long (Feather) and Yap Meng-soon (Light).

Asian Games Torch On Way To Tokyo

Manila, Apr. 22. The Asian Games torch begins its long journey from Manila to Tokyo today in a solemn ceremony preceding the inauguration of the Third Asian Games on May 24.

The flame was lit at 8.30 a.m. by the sun's rays at the Rizal Memorial Track and Football Stadium here and relayed by the Filipino runners to the Manila International Airport where representatives of the Asian Games Organising Committee received it to be flown to Japan. —United Press.

BADMINTON HORSE TRIALS



HM the Queen with the Duke of Beaufort — in a happy mood — as they stand with the Queen Mother just behind — during the second day of the Badminton Horse Trials on April 18. The Queen wears a short coat over her suit — and a handscarf. — Keystone Photo.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Meeting: HK Lawn Tennis Committee Meeting, Club Lusitano, 6.30 p.m.
Hockey: International: India v Ireland, Sookunpo, 8 p.m.; Scotland v Portugal, Happy Valley, 8 p.m.
Golf: Ladies' Section: RHGCC v Shek-O at Fanning.

TOMORROW

Army Major Units Soccer League at Boundary Street, 4.30 p.m.

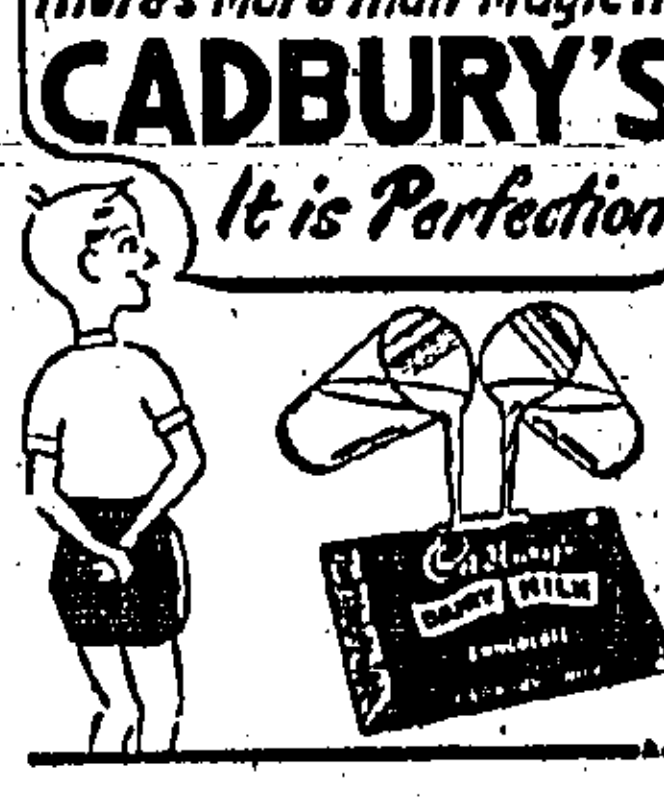
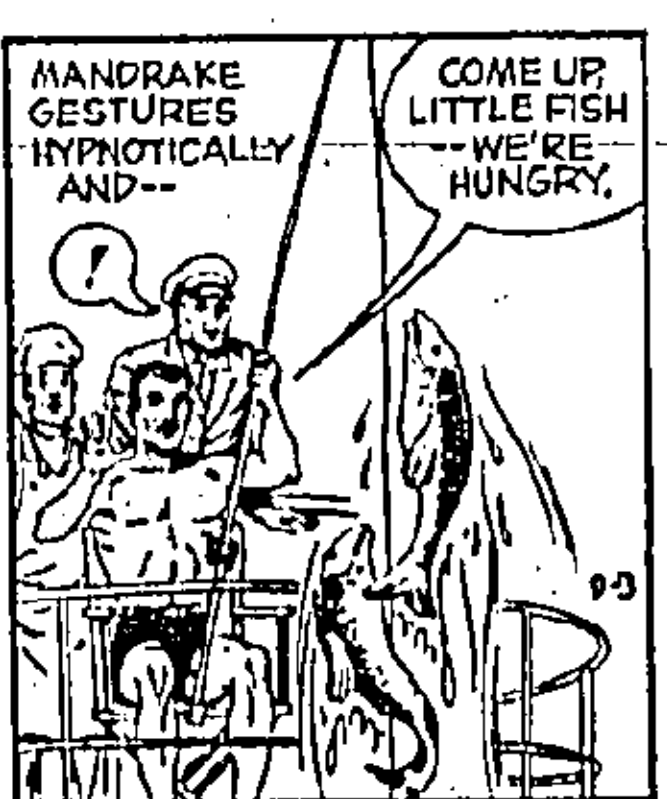
Alec Bedser May Leave Hospital Soon

London, Apr. 21. Alec Bedser, the England and Surrey cricketer, who was taken to hospital on Saturday, suffering from severe pneumonia, was slated today to be much better.

He has had penicillin treatment and it is hoped that he will be able to leave hospital in a few days' time. —China Mail Special.

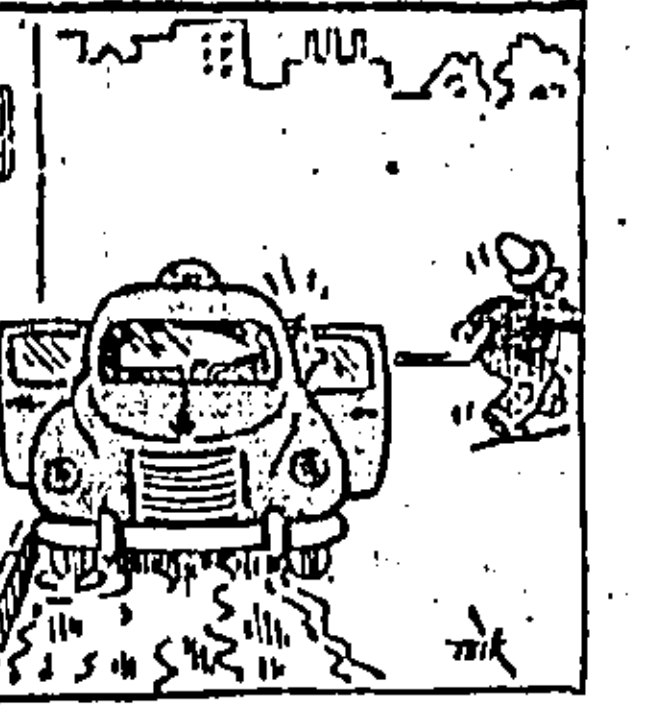
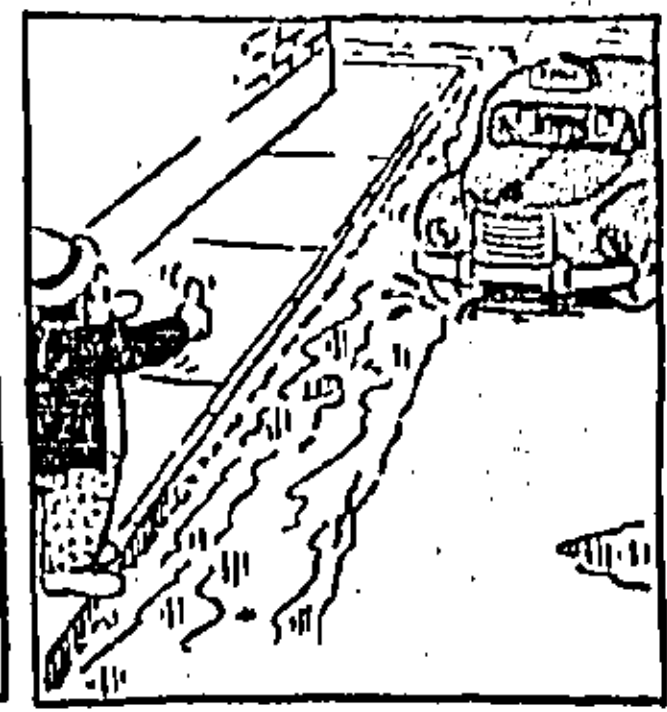
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By Leo Falk and Phil Davis



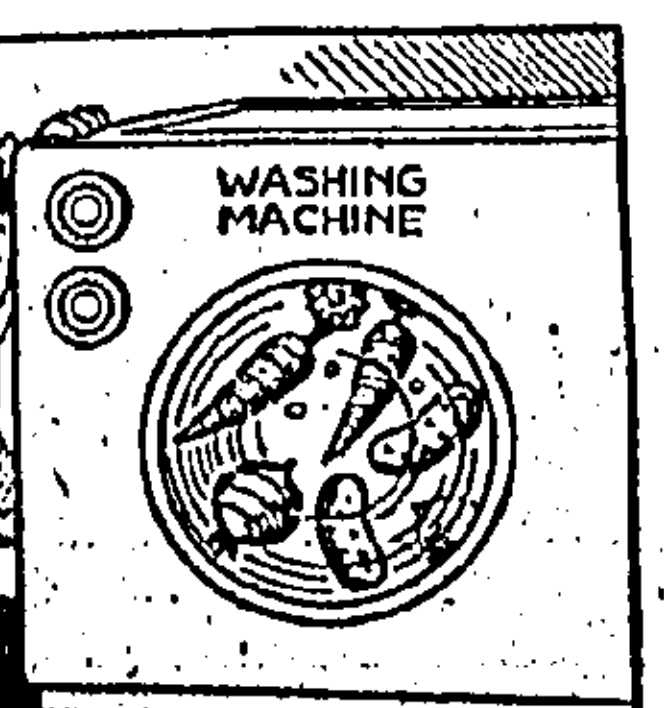
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JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins



NONCONFORMIST

By HENRY LONGHURST

I find myself hailing Harry Bradshaw's victory in the PGA Close Championship with much pleasure and a wry smile. When Commonwealth pirates like Lock, Thomson, Von Nida, Player and Wilkes so persistently snatched the bread from the mouths of honest men who could not play golf quite so well, the PGA invented this tournament to ensure that the winner of at least one event should be a home product.

It seems, however, that in order to realise this laudable ambition they will have to make their close championship closer still, for two out of the first four, including the winner, turned out to be raiders from the Republic of Eire!

Most Individualistic

Be that as it may, to watch Bradshaw winning anything, any time, anywhere is a satisfying experience. We are always being told that we live today in a "conformist" society—an odious conception if ever there was one!—and it has long struck me that this is becoming more and more true of what should surely have remained the most individualistic of all games, namely, golf. Whatever else our Harry may do, he certainly does not conform. He is, in fact, the complete non-conformist.

His grip almost defies analysis and is certainly unique in that the first two fingers of his right hand hang down like bananas and appear to play no part in the stroke at all. As for keeping the head still, I estimate from deliberate observation of this point that his head moves between 12 and 15 inches in the course of the stroke and that at the moment of striking the ball must be moving rapidly backwards. His swing is once described as "agricultural" and, despite outraged protests from across the water on that occasion, I can find no better word.

Harry Bradshaw's method has, however, one indisputable merit. It works. I shall not readily forget the polite astonishment with which it was first viewed during the last Ryder Cup match to be played in America, at Thunderbird, in California. Nothing like this, either in technique or in his general approach to the game, had been seen in those parts before. Unless perhaps in the person of Mr John Montague, the man who was said to play to par with a baseball bat, rake and shovel.

Ambling gently round, ever ready to exchange a cheerful word with those who had come to watch, and hitting each shot before the average American professional would have had time to test the direction of a non-existent wind, Bradshaw, in the course of the lowest single round on either side.

Last Citadel

The thought comes to me—and I trust it comes to others—that perhaps Eire is the last citadel of the nonconformists. Joe Carr, for instance, takes a fine individualistic slash at the ball, and when he reaches the green either straddles down, like a giraffe settling down to drink, and uses a putter which rises little higher than his knee, or, having discarded it once again in disgust, puts with a number three iron. James Brien, who I dare say hit the ball as far as any man alive in his day, "looped" the club so that at one point in the backswing it was pointing

Japanese Boxer Announces His Retirement

Tokyo, Apr. 21. Hiroshi Mimasu, seventh ranking flyweight boxer in world ratings, tonight announced his retirement from the ring. He was once listed second in world flyweight ratings. The 24-year-old boxer gave no reason for his retirement. He first became prominent when he beat Tanny Campo of the Philippines to win the Orient Flyweight Championship in March 1956. —Reuter.

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Whisky Restrictions During Brussels World Fair

By DAVID WILLEY

Brussels, Apr. 21.

FOREIGNERS who want to drink whisky during the 1958 Brussels World Fair will have to retire with a bottle to their hotel bedroom if they want to keep strictly within the law.

For Belgium, the biggest beer-drinking country in the world, with an average annual consumption of 147 litres (32 gallons) per head still has partial prohibition in force for all spirits.

As well as being great beer-drinkers, Belgians are also among the world's leading champagne-drinkers, with an annual average of one bottle to every five members of the population. Wine consumption is also high for a non-wine-producing country.

Following year this was modified to allow purchases of two litres or more of spirits (i.e. more than the average industrial worker could afford) for home consumption.

Minor Changes

Although the new bill proposes only minor changes in the law, its opponents say it will open the door to increased alcoholism. "Vandervelde betrayed," one Catholic trade union newspaper headlined its comments.

Hard Liquor

But no hard liquor is allowed in bars, cafes or restaurants, and anyone who wants to buy a bottle of gin or whisky for consumption at home must buy at least two litres when they make their purchase in a wine-shop.

In fact people who want to drink liquor in public can—and do—get round the law by joining one of the numerous "private clubs" which flourish in all main towns, and particularly in Brussels. Members pay anything from 45 Belgian francs (6/6d) upwards for a glass of whisky in one of these clubs.

This loophole in the prohibition law has been tolerated by the authorities because the cost is well beyond the average industrial worker—at whom the prohibition legislation was originally directed.

But now politicians, doctors, militant women's organizations and liquor dealers have entered the lists for a "battle of the bars."

A bill modifying the 39-year-old prohibition law of the late Emile Vandervelde, the Father of Belgian Socialism, is causing all the trouble. In 1918 Vandervelde pushed through Parliament a law for total prohibition. The

Supporters of the bill say if anyone wishes to drink spirits he can legally do so to his heart's content at home, and the Vandervelde law is now "out of date."

Briefly, the new bill, passed by the Chamber of Representatives last June and now having a stormy passage through the senate proposes three changes in the law:

★ It would allow bar and restaurant owners to keep spirits in their private apartments. At present this is a punishable offence to prevent proprietors from slipping in the bottle of liquor out of sight, with the excuse that it was for "private use." If excise officers made a sudden inspection, (it is over this article in the bill that the "battle of the bars" controversy is being fought.)

★ The new bill would also tighten up the regulations of the "whisky clubs." Members would have to sign a membership form eight days before a drop of liquor was allowed to pass their lips. This would mean the virtual exclusion of most tourists from the clubs.

★ It would forbid the sale in miniature bottles and hip-flasks of spirits.

Supporters of the proposal to let bar-keepers have spirits in their own homes (not for public consumption) say this represents a very modest concession to the modern age. They point out that alcohol consumption has fallen from over ten litres per head per annum in 1895 to just under one and one half litres in 1954, the last year for which figures were available. Deaths attributed to alcoholism fell over the same period from nearly 600 per annum to 137.

But the "prohibitionists" among them the widow of Vandervelde, herself a senator, retort that alcoholism has decreased only because of the Vandervelde law, any amendment of which would lead to widespread drunkenness.

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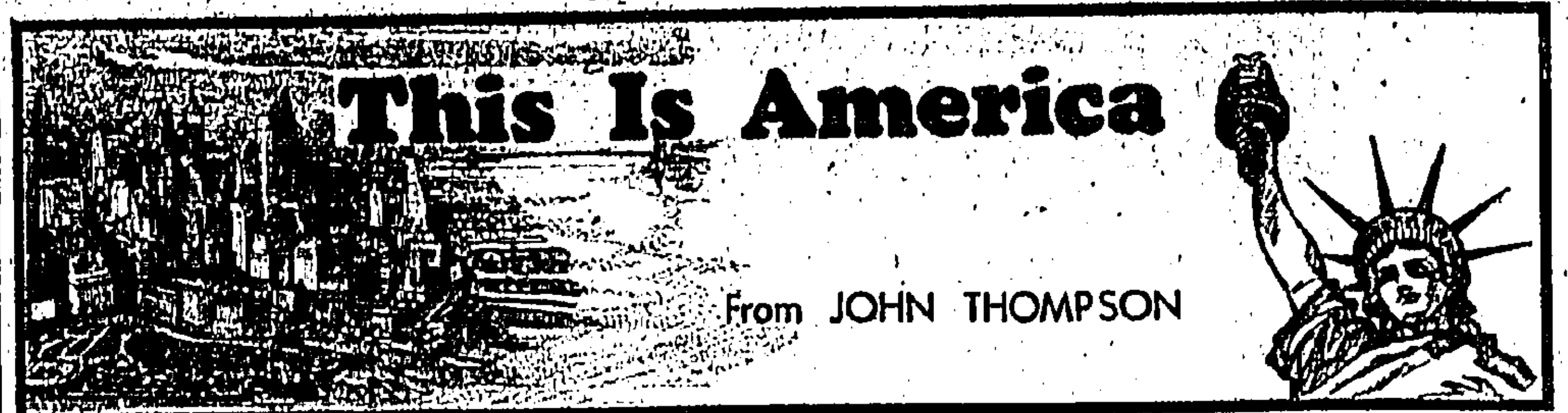
Liquor dealers claim that in any case only a very small proportion of drunkenness in Belgium is due to wines and spirits, much more to the gargantuan quantities of beer that are consumed.

According to official statistics over 11,000,000 Belgian francs (about £800,000,000) worth of beer was consumed in Belgium in 1956—nearly as much as the whole of the defence budget—which puts her countries of the world.

On per capita consumption figures, Britain takes only fifth place, while Australia takes third place behind Luxembourg. An amendment to the new liquor bill tabled by a group of Liberal deputies proposing free sale of spirits in Belgium for the sake of the World Fair was rejected by the chamber last year.

The Liberal deputies asked: "Would it not be proof of hospitality to the millions of foreign visitors to the World Fair to allow them to partake of the glass of whisky to which they are perhaps accustomed?"

The chamber evidently thought not, but observers here forecast a certain tolerance by bar-keepers to thirsty visitors.—China Mail Special.



This Is America

From JOHN THOMPSON



HIRE purchase in the US has today become all too often a question not of just the "never-never" but of the never-at-all. With lay-offs and shorter work weeks, many Americans find they cannot keep up with their instalment payments.

Finance companies, banks, and other lenders report too many people have defaulted on their washing machines, and other items which they have had to "repossess."

The American Collectors' Association announced today that they have reclaimed 87 per cent more goods being bought on hire purchase than in the first months of last year.

Taking back unpaid-for goods has become a major American business. There are some 400 firms performing these often unpleasant chores. Hire purchase firms find that the hire-repossessioning men—last police Americanism for the brokers' men—is putting up their costs daily. Often, too, they cannot recall the goods for the amount of the loan outstanding.

WESTPORT, one of the smartest suburbs for New Yorkers, is thinking of charging all newcomers an "initiation fee."

AN eight-day trial in the New York Criminal Courts has ended in loud laughter. The prosecution lawyer, Assistant District Attorney Roberts, and the defence lawyer, Horacio Quinones kept arguing bitterly. They just got it in for each other. The judge repeatedly warned them not to interrupt each other.

Well, towards the end of the trial Mr Roberts got a sore finger, and from time to time he dunked it in a glass of hot stomach salts to reduce the swelling.

Mr Quinones rose to cross-examine. Unthinkingly, he picked up the glass, approached the jury-box, and lifted the glass to his mouth.

"Mr Quinones," began Mr Roberts politely. "Don't interrupt," said the judge.

"I say—Mr Quinones," said Mr Roberts again. The judge said DON'T INTERRUPT.

By now Mr Quinones had taken two large swallows. Mr Roberts raised his hands in despair.

Mr Quinones downed the rest of the glass. "I'm sorry, your honour," said Mr Roberts, "but in the interests of public health and justice I must bring to the court's attention the fact that my learned brother has just drunk a glass of salts in which I was bathing my finger."

Judge and jury roared with laughter. Mr Quinones moved for an adjournment.

FOUR BOYS out of five arrested in Brooklyn last week to ward off a gang fight were wearing aluminium vests for protection.

ALGER HISS, the former State Department official, gained for perjury, learned last week that he gets \$15,000 (\$2,350) from his mother's estate.

A STUDENT at Stillwater, Oklahoma, will be locked in a box three feet wide, two feet deep, and five feet six inches long to help research into illnesses.

ONE of the "slights" of New York is to disappear. The red belts and shiny trousers of the Fire Department's band are to be laid to rest, and the 48 musicians are being assigned to full fire-fighting duty.

It is part of a drive to cut down on non-essential activities by the city's employees.

Gradually the men who made music on municipal time and money have been hard-hit. The police band went in 1954. The Fire Department's glee club went in 1957.

Last week the cold blast of economy came to the Fire Department's band, which had the reputation of being the best of the New York bands.

Fire Commissioner Cavanagh ordered the band's dissolution because of the stepped-up fire prevention campaign, the acute shortage of firemen—and the economy drive.

Said the band's leader: "This is one of the best organizations that ever was, not some mud-gutter band. Our fellows will miss it. And so will New York."

Without the firemen's band this will be a duller, less human city, even if it is more thrifty.

WINNER of the Mrs. Callaghan prize, 29-year-old Mrs. Patricia Griffin, admits she hates housework. Says her husband: "She is so beautiful that it wouldn't matter if she didn't cook at all."

PROFESSION FEVER can be as contagious as the flu. The president of one of America's largest companies says he is suffering from it.

multi-million dollar campaign to fight the slump.

Big business man Charles G. Mortimer went on: "We must have a six-month campaign based on confidence in a growing American. Recession begins and ends in the minds of men."

Mortimer stressed the long-term strength of the US economy. He said his company (General Foods) had had the biggest first quarter of a year in its history.

AN "end the recession" sale in Pittsburgh turned into a near-riot. The department store's anti-slump tactics were too successful, and the big window at the front of the store caved in under the pressure of hundreds of customers. Five women were injured.

Among the items advertised: television sets and fur coats at five dollars (\$1.15 a yard). Each item was to be sold because the 30 men on duty were unable to control the shoppers.

THE New York Sanitation Commission has asked its engineers to design public conveniences for dogs ("Canine Comfort Stations," it calls them).

BUY AMERICAN. The plan was made last week to the United States Government by General Electric, one of the big US electrical businesses in America. It asked for \$100 million to build more protection against such imports as electric generators and transformers.

Several British firms are among the most keen competitors.

General Electric petitions the Office of Defence Mobilisation. It argues that electrical imports are going up and up.

A little strangely—the firm declares it does not believe the scale of imports is hurting it.

That United States heavy power equipment has "greater proved reliability" is a "greater" argument.

That there is difficulty in replacing and maintaining imported equipment; and that the international situation may jeopardise deliveries from abroad.

The latter point is General Electric's most belated argument. It says the US must create a domestic electrical industry in good enough shape to meet emergency calls for defence needs, and in this context it proclaims that contracts placed abroad "threaten to impair the national security."

The British Chamber of Commerce in New York issued a statement denying that such imports were endangering security.

A NURSE married a lorry driver at sunset on the beach at Bixby, Missouri. She wore a white strapless bathing suit, he wore black swimming trunks.

GOVERNMENTS are far more stupid than are their people, said President Eisenhower last week.

He was telling 200 members (from both sides of the Iron Curtain) of the International Aeronautical Federation in Washington that most of the world's troubles will be solved if we can get people talking to each other, living together, going to each other's homes.

About the same time brisk Harry S. Truman was telling students at Yale about the recession. Like this: "If I were President again I wouldn't be sitting still or playing golf. I can tell you."

MOST of the new pistol permits issued in New York were to retired policemen.

PREVIEW of the American fighting man of the future, as given in Los Angeles last week by Lieut-Gen. Arthur

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US Accused Of Progressive Insanity

United Nations, Apr. 21.
The United States today had "done nothing that in any way is a danger to peace" in carrying out H-bomb flights resulting from alerts which later proved false.

US Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge told the United Nations Security Council, the Soviet Union had "not added one single fact" to prove that the practice of sending Strategic Air Command H-bombers off on reprisal alerts had endangered peace.

"It is mandatory that we maintain the Strategic Air Command in a high state of efficiency," Lodge said. "We shall take all measures designed to maintain it in such a state... the aircraft of SAC will never be launched except in a carefully planned manner... and these orders can only come personally from the President of the United States."

Efficiency

"We intend to keep SAC at all times in a high state of efficiency. We shall also keep it under strict control. These things are matters of public knowledge. What we do is known throughout the world. But what the Soviet Union does is veiled in secrecy."

Soviet Ambassador Arkady A. Sobolev called the SAC practice "progressive insanity" and formally demanded that the Council call upon the United States to refrain from directing its military aircraft, armed with atom and hydrogen bombs, towards the frontiers of other States with a view to creating a threat to their security or of military demonstrations.

"We have done nothing which is not wholly consistent with the so-called peaceful co-existence resolution (passed by the General Assembly last year)," Lodge said. "Nothing the United States has done can be regarded by men who are honest with themselves and others as anything but the inescapable requirement of legitimate self-defence."

Lodge said it was "deeply perplexing" to find the Soviet Union bringing charges against the United States when its leaders were proclaiming their desire for a summit conference on international peace.

Surprise Attack

"The cardinal aspect of our defence is to guard against the possibility of a surprise attack," he said. Sobolev demanded UN actions to call off US H-bomb flights.

Soviet Ambassador Arkady A. Sobolev offered this proposal in a formal resolution presented at the end of a surprisingly short 20-minute speech accusing the United States of "progressive insanity" in permitting reprisal attacks by hydrogen bomb carrying planes of the Strategic Air Command.

Sobolev confined himself mainly to a repetition of the charges put forward last Friday by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, based on a dispatch by United Press President Frank H. Bartholomew describing SAC practices.

Sobolev found time, however, to make a propaganda appeal to Europe and to condemn NATO countries for permitting US atomic and rocket-missile bases to be "imposed" upon them.

Responsibility

Mr P. M. Crosthwaite, Deputy British permanent delegate, told the Security Council that the British Government was "confident of the deep sense of responsibility" with which the United States had undertaken to be in a constant state of readiness. He said: "The United Kingdom knows that the United States has no aggressive intent. It is manifestly absurd to suggest that the defensive measures which are the subject of the Soviet Union's complaint are for the purpose of threatening the security of other countries."

Mr Crosthwaite added: "In his speech, Mr Sobolev sought to create an atmosphere of crisis. He, too, used some extraordinary phrases... 'foot of peace' and so on. It seems to say the least strange."

WANTED: CHINESE EXTRAS

London, Apr. 21.
Diners may have to wait a little longer than usual for waiter service in Britain's Chinese restaurants when shooting starts here next week on the new multi-million dollars 20th Century Fox film production "The Inn of the Sixth Happiness."

A Chinese city built at MGM's Elstree studio will be peopled by 500 Chinese waiters—the advance guard of the 2,000 strong Chinese "army" of film extras specially enlisted by producer Mark Robson.

For more than 200 years since the days of the great oriental trading companies, Chinese communities have existed in British cities and seaports. But the many "Chinatowns" were split up by the war. Now the Chinese are spread throughout Britain making it difficult for Robson's scouts to find them.

ADAPTION

The film script has been adapted from the book "The Small Woman" by Ann Burgess. It is the true life story of the English woman Gladys Aylward, who "Gave her life to China."

Today, Miss Aylward lives in Fochym, Wales. The film ends with battle scenes from the Sino-Japanese War. For these, Robson's army of Chinese extras will be moved by road and rail to a location camp at the foot of Snowdon, the highest mountain in Wales.

—London Express-Service.

Plan To Protect Foreign Private Capital By Malaya

Singapore, Apr. 22.
Malaya wanted a South-East Asian conference to draw up a charter for the attraction and protection of foreign private capital, the Straits Times said today.

The Times said this followed a suggestion along these lines by the Malaysian Prime Minister, Tengku Abdul Rahman, at the recent session of the Economic Commission on Asia and the Far East in Kuala Lumpur.

The Tengku's plan envisaged a 14-point scheme "for economic development" the paper said. This would be registered with the United Nations.

The countries likely to be invited to send representatives to the conference were Indonesia, Thailand, Ceylon, South Vietnam, the Philippines, Cambodia, Laos, India and Pakistan. The United States, Britain, Australia and New Zealand would be invited to send observers.

The Times said the Tengku wanted the charter to assure potential investors their "just rights and interests" would be fully respected and protected.

—Reuters.

BOURGUIBA MEETS FOOTBALLERS

Tunis, Apr. 21.
President Bourguiba today received the ten Algerian football stars who left their professional French clubs to come to Tunis a week ago.

They are planning to form an all-Algerian team to play games whose profit will go to Algeria's nationalistic rebels. "I wish you a lot of success," said President Bourguiba, "and I hope Algeria will gain its freedom as soon as possible."

But the President said nothing about possible matches with the Tunisian national football team. The French Football Association has asked the International Football Association to prevent the fugitives from playing any regular football team.

—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"What if I were the heroine and you were called upon to defend my honour?"

Conspiracy Case Against Police Sub-Inspector

The case against a Police Sub-Inspector, three Police constables and a broker, charged with conspiracy to obtain periodic payments from persons dealing in dangerous drugs, was adjourned to 10 a.m. on Monday by Mr Justice J. R. Gregg in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The accused—were: At Ping-yan, 22, Police Sub-Inspector, Two Shu-ming, 27, Police constable, Chau Bing-kwan, 24, Police constable, Cheung Wai, 27, Police constable and Chu Chum, 34, broker.

The Hon. Leo d'Almeida, QC, and Mr Patrick Yu appeared for the first accused, on the instructions of Peter Mo and Company. The other four accused were represented by Mr W. L. D'Alton, instructed by Hastings and Company.

Mr d'Almeida informed the Court that a little while ago he was given notice of the fact that the Crown proposed to adduce further evidence, apart from the evidence in the deposition, and therefore it was necessary for an adjournment to enable him to see this proof of evidence and to take instructions upon it.

Counsel said that Mr D'Alton, who appeared for the other four accused, associated himself with his opinion.

Mr Stewart Collier, Crown Counsel, who was assisted by DSJ R. B. Bayless, officer in charge of the case, said he had no objection to the application for adjournment.

Hearing of the case was adjourned to 10 a.m. on Monday.

CANCER DRUG RUSHED FROM TOKYO

Paris, Apr. 21.
A new cancer drug—Mito-mycin C—made by a Japanese laboratory, arrived here by air today in the hands of the President of Air France, M. Max Hymans, on its rush journey to an invalid in the Madrid Cancer Institute.

The drug left Tokyo, where it was made by the Kiou Laboratories, at 1100 local time yesterday and arrived at Orly Airport via the new Polar route at 0700 local time this morning. M. Hymans, returning from Tokyo after flying there on Air France's inaugural flight over the Pole to Tokyo ten days ago, undertook the custody of the parcel containing the drug. A connecting flight on which the drug was placed took off from Orly at 1340 local time today for Madrid to effect the whole journey in less than 20 hours.

—Reuters.

Plea For Aid From A Russian Prison Camp?

Rome, Apr. 21.
Foreign Affairs Under-Secretary Alberto Folchi said today he could "not rule out" the possibility that a message found tied to the leg of a migrating bird was what it purported to be—an appeal for help from an Italian prisoner of war in Russia.

In a written answer to a Parliamentary question, Folchi said evidence of the authenticity of the message was not strong enough to justify "concrete action" with the Soviet government.

But he said the message would be kept in mind in connection with Italy's long-standing efforts to trade several hundred Italian soldiers believed still to be in Soviet prison camps.

The unsigned message was found tied to the leg of a migrating bird shot down by a hunter in Sicily last October. It purported to come from one of a group of Italian prisoners "working in a mine close to the Arctic Circle."

Folchi recalled Italy's "constant" but largely vain efforts to ascertain the fate of 35,000 missing members of Italy's World War II expedition corps in Russia. He said Russia so far had repatriated only a few dozen Italians and sent death certificates for only a "couple of hundred" more, but disclaimed all knowledge of the fate of the remaining tens of thousands.

—United Press.

Invitation

Santiago, Apr. 21.
Chile has received an invitation from the United States to attend a conference in Washington of 11 nations with interests in the Antarctic region, the evening newspaper El Debate said today. Quoting reliable sources it said that the Soviet Union had also been invited to the conference.

TWO CHINESE ON POSSESSION OF ARMS CHARGE

Sixteen automatic pistols and 32 pistol magazines together with two large tins, were exhibited before Mr Justice C. W. Recco at the Criminal Sessions this morning when two men, Choi Laing-hung, 32, shop foki, and Lai Fai, 37, faced trial on charges of possession of arms.

Choi was alleged to have had eight pistols in his possession and Lai eight pistols and 32 magazines. When they were stopped outside Jordan Road Ferry wharf on November 9 last.

Choi is represented by Mr Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr C. P. Lai, of Messrs Peter Mo and Co.

Mr Allister Blair—Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, prosecuting, told a Jury of five men and two women that the two men were arrested on November 9 last, a Police constable on patrol near Jordan Road Ferry Wharf, noticed the two accused each carrying a tin. His suspicions were aroused and he decided to stop them. When asked what was inside the tins, the first accused said they contained oil. He was told to produce bill receipts for the oil and the first accused said they were with the shop proprietor.

From Taiwan

The constable's suspicions were further aroused and he asked them whether the tins were from Taiwan or China and first accused replied that they were from Taiwan. The constable then decided to take the two men to Police Station for further enquiries, Mr Blair-Kerr said.

On the way there first accused asked not to be taken to the Police Station and further offered some money to the constable. The constable refused.

The second accused then nudged the first accused and in a low voice told the first accused, "We must get out of here, we'll have to get this fixed up."

Mr Blair-Kerr said: "The first accused then offered the constable 'any amount' if he would let them go. The constable again refused."

At the Police Station, Insp. Rumbelow opened up the tins in front of the two accused and found them to contain the arms. The first accused when questioned said the tins belonged to their master and that he thought the tins contained oil, Crown Counsel said.

If Accepted

Mr Blair-Kerr told the Jury that if they accepted the evidence of the constable and Insp. Rumbelow, then the two accused were deemed to be in possession of the arms until the contrary was proved.

Hearing is continuing.

Calcutta, Apr. 21.
Three hundred people have died from cholera during the week ending yesterday, according to figures released today by Calcutta hospitals.

More than 1,300 cholera patients are now in hospital in what doctors describe as the worst epidemic in 20 years. The World Health Organisation said that 18,945 people have died of cholera in the Calcutta area between 1947 and April 20, this year, out of a total of 53,403 who had caught the disease.

Risk Death To Protest H-Tests

Honolulu, Apr. 21.
Four Americans are planning to leave here today in their 32-foot ketch Golden Rule for Eniwetok Atoll where a series of US nuclear tests is to be held in a few weeks' time.

They risk, if not death, at least arrest and imprisonment in entering the forbidden 400,000-square mile zone, but in spite of the repeated warnings from the United States government, the four are determined to see through to the end their protest against atomic experiments.

The new power station has been under construction for the past 18 months. The project will be completed in 1962 when four more generators are installed. Adjacent to the "A" Power Station, the new station will have an output of 150,000 KW, approximately twice as that of the existing station.

Suicide Is Cleared Of Murder

Newcastle-on-Tyne, Apr. 21.
Detectives inquiring into the murder of a 76-year-old widow said tonight a man who committed suicide here last week had been cleared of any connection with the crime.

The man, Joseph Wilson, 53, gassed himself last Wednesday, 48 hours after a search begun for the killer of Mrs Linda Ashe.

Mrs Ashe was murdered and robbed of £2 in the kitchen of her home near here last Monday—China Mail Special.

Conspiracy

London, Apr. 21.
Calro radio said tonight that General Habis El Malouli, "chief of staff of the Jordanian army" and others would, shortly, be tried at Gaza for conspiracy "to prevent Egyptian forces returning to the Gaza strip."

—China Mail Special.

Policewoman Slapped: Airman Fined

Fakenham, Apr. 21.
An American airman, passing an attractive brunette here in Norfolk, leaped out of his car and slapped her right buttock.

The brunette, however, turned out to be a Police-woman June Stevenson, 21, and she reported him. She was off duty and in plain clothes at the time. Today, the American Staff-Sergeant James V. Lee, 21-year-old bachelor, of the USAF base at nearby Scunthorpe, was fined the maximum of £5 for common assault.

He pleaded guilty and apologised.—Reuters.

POWERFUL AMERICAN ROCKET

Combination Of Thor & Vanguard

Cape Canaveral, Apr. 21.
A powerful American rocket of a type not previously tested will be launched from the Cape Canaveral testing ground this week, it was learned here today.

The rocket is a combination of the Thor medium range projectile and the second stage of the Vanguard.

The test will be a direct preparation for next summer's attempt by the American Air Force to launch a rocket toward the moon, using the same means of propulsion.

5,000 MILES

At the same time, it will be used to study the problems of space machines re-entering the earth's atmosphere.

The new rocket is expected to attain a height of about 5,000 miles.

The Thor, constructed by the Douglas Aircraft Company, consists of a single stage, powered by liquid oxygen.

It has a range of more than 2,000 miles, and will be based in Britain toward the end of this year.

The second stage of the Vanguard is also powered by a liquid fuel and is built by the Aerojet General Corporation—France-Press.

CPA To Increase FE Flights

Singapore, Apr. 21.
Cathay Pacific Airways would increase its Far East flight services from July 1, the Hongkong manager of the Company, Mr D. R. Y. Black, said here.

Mr Black said a new aircraft, a DC-6B, would be added to the company fleet, and services would be increased by more than 40 per cent.

Flights between Singapore and Hongkong would be increased from five to seven times a week, flights between Kuala Lumpur and Hongkong would be increased from one to two a week, flights between Singapore and Bangkok would be increased from three to five a week.

The Company would also introduce a new weekly service from Hongkong to Kuching, Sarawak, and a direct non-stop flight from Hongkong to Labuan, Mr Black said.—Reuters.

Eruption

Catania, Apr. 21.
The eruption of Mount Etna was in full swing today after having continued throughout the night. Violent explosions at regular intervals hurled glowing rocks hundreds of feet into the air over the crater.

The flow of lava this morning broke up into several streams and slowed its advance down the mountain.—France-Press.